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to be sold at

Public Auction

WEDNESDAY EVENING, **DEC. 7** NINETEEN SIXTY

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in the

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INTRODUCTION

As this catalogue goes to press, the price of gold on the International markets is rapidly rising, and the resulting wholesale asking price for double eagles, in New York, exceeds \$43. per coin. This may or may not be a temporary condition, as prices can rise and fall, but we do know that the prices commanded by rare United States gold coins have been *steadily increasing* within recent years. This is due primarily to greatly increased collector interest in the series, which in turn has emphasized the extreme rarity of many dates and mintmarks, particularly those of limited or low coinage.

Our listing for this offering was compiled during the late summer months, prior to the public sale of the Milton A. Holmes collection by Stack's, of this city, October 5th through 8th last. Therefore, with the solitary exception of the 1875 quarter eagle, we do not make mention, on the following pages, of either the Holmes U.S. gold or the prices obtained in competition for it. Collectors and others would do well to obtain a copy of the Holmes catalogue together with list of Prices Realized, as many of the estimates of value and previous sale records mentioned by us herein are dwarfed by the Holmes results. Likewise, Friedberg valuations for Spanish-American gold coins were taken with a grain of salt by buyers at the Calico offering of Glendining, in London, on October 12th. Apparently, fine gold coins have once again come into their own, this time on a much broader front with a much firmer price base, than upon any earlier occasion. Based upon the rapidly growing population of collectors seeking a steadily dwindling number of choice items, plus the obvious inevitability of an increase in the intrinsic value of gold, we predict that whatever the results of this auction, the prices we obtain will seem low within a year or two.

Regular readers of our public sale presentations will notice several minor (but we hope, important) changes in the typography of this, our Fifty-fifth catalogue. We have endeavoured, with the judicious use of 7 pt. type and consistent "leading" between lot listings, to make our (sometimes elaborate) descriptions easier to follow. Comments and suggestions, as in the past, would be very much appreciated.



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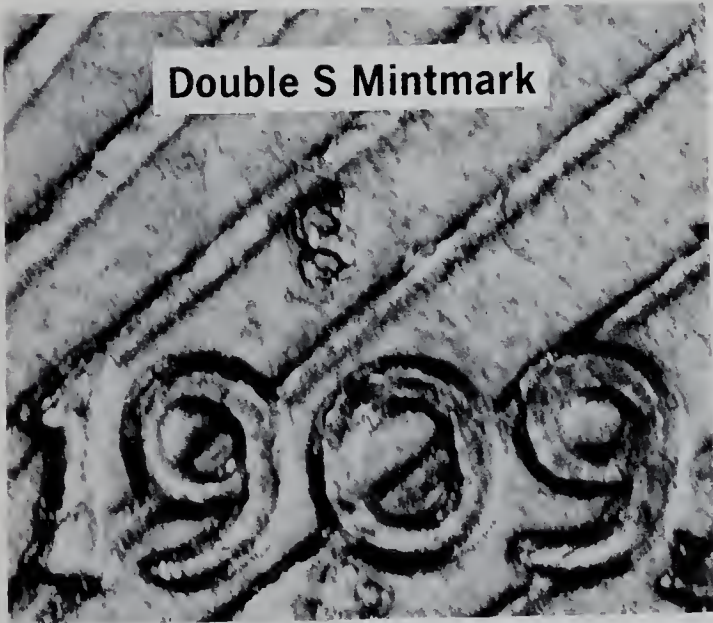
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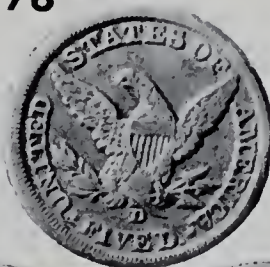


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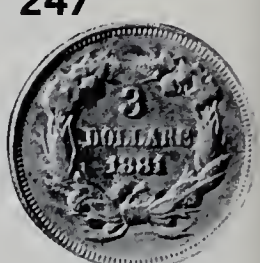
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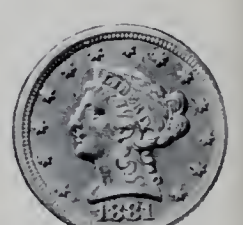
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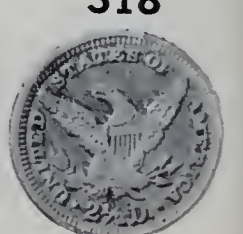
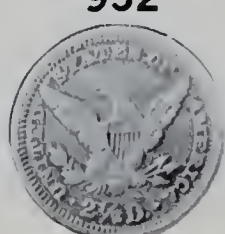
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AUCTION NUMBER 55

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MINTMARKS, CONDITION ITEMS, PRIVATE ISSUES, AND A
COLLECTION OF FRACTIONAL CALIFORNIA GOLD;

plus

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TOGETHER WITH A FEW FOREIGN GOLD ITEMS;

and

MISCELLANEOUS CONSIGNMENTS OF
UNITED STATES GOLD COINS
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DECEMBER 7, 8, 1960

First Session

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 7, 1960 — 7:00 P.M. — LOTS 1-587

Second Session

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 8, 1960 — 7:00 P.M. — LOTS 588-1328

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LOTS 1 TO 587
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COLLECTION CICERO

The Former Property of a Mid-Western Numismatist
(With Additions)

UNITED STATES GOLD COINS

Double Eagles

- 1 1850. Closed 5 (knob joined to vertical, as on some cents); badly cracked reverse die. Better than Extremely Fine, considerable original lustre; above average but not completely free of bag marks. Desirable specimen of this popular first year.
Earlier die state of Melish 866. Also comes with open 5; cf. lots 1687-8, our Fifty-Third sale, and lots 1182-3 following. A little nicer than the Stack-Straus coin (1959 N. Y. Metropolitan Convention sale) at \$120.00.
- 2 1850 "O". Open 5. Extremely Fine.
Mintage 141,000. Compared to the Carson City coins, all these New Orleans dates are grossly undervalued. This mintmark not in Baldenhofer, among many other collections. Neumoyer's (1960 N. Y. Metropolitan Convention sale) slept at \$75.; no other records recent enough to mean anything.
- 3 1851. Extremely Fine, much mint frost; unusually clean. Rarely seen so.
- 4 1852. Thin date. Better than last but with signs of obverse cleaning.
Also comes with heavy numerals, and with date double cut. (Cf. lot 1189, following.)
- 5 1853. Normal date. Much better than Ex. Fine, reverse very close indeed to Unc.; brilliant, and with far fewer bag marks than usual on double eagles of this period. Much rarer than the mintage suggests.
The last one we auctioned, from other dies, brought \$130.00. That one had the base of another digit between 53. (Cf. lot 1190, following.) One other is known showing a 2 under the 3. We have never seen a strictly mint example of this date.
- 6 1854. Small **recut** date. Same grade and quality as last. From a distance this would easily pass as Mint State. Decidedly uncommon so. The recut date is rare but unappreciated.
Die of Melish 878, which was only Fine. Date punches as on *cents* and *halves*.
- 7 1854. Large date. Very Fine or better, lustrous; quite clean. Extremely rare, less than half-a-dozen known or reported to us. **Plate**
The only others we ever had brought \$82.50 apiece, About VF and VF plus, in our Forty-Eighth and Forty-Ninth sales, when early gold was not as popular. (Cf. lot 1192, following.) Date punches as on *silver dollars*.

The Extremely Rare 1854 "O" Double Eagle

- 8 1854 "O". Small date as always. Practically full original sharpness, considerable prooflike surface, but extensively though not seriously bag marked. Reverse field mark where something was left in die. Of extreme rarity, less than EIGHT specimens in all being known or reported to us; this is either the **finest** or **equal to the finest**. Potentially a four figure coin! **Plate**
Mintage only 3,250, which is lower than 1870 "CC" and one of the three lowest from branch mints. Back in the 1920's when Waldo Newcomer obtained his, only one other specimen was known—Atwater's, which may be the present coin (the descriptions match pretty closely). It would be worse than useless to quote the few ancient records of sale.
- 9 1855. Brilliant **Uncirculated**, frosty and comparatively clean. **The only mint state one we have ever seen or heard of**; no auction records in this grade.
Mintage 364,666. None in Baldenhofer in any grade, despite the unusual completeness of that collection. Most others encountered have been VF.

The Excessively Rare 1856 "O" Double Eagle

- 10 **1856 "O".** Very Fine to Extremely Fine, very sharp; some frost, some prooflike surface. Lightly bag marked. Though price records so far have not indicated recognition of the fact, this is possibly the rarest of all double eagles save for 1849, 1861 Paquet and 1933, only five specimens being known to us, and this is the SECOND FINEST of them. **Plate**
Mintage only 2,250. The other four are in the Amon Carter (the finest) and Eliasberg collections, together with Melish 888 and the miserable cleaned coin in one of our *Numisma* auctions some years ago. Other claimants to "rarest" title are represented by seven or more specimens; this includes all the proof-only dates, 1854 "O", 1870 "CC" and 1861 "S" Paquet. Of the extremely high relief St. Gaudens — lately quoted to \$25,000. — we can trace at least ten.
- 11 **1859.** Very Fine plus, lightly and extensively bag marked. Actually rare; a date to watch!
Mintage only 43,597. Hardly ever comes in better grade, except for the three or four proofs. None in Baldenhofer.
- 12 **1861 "O".** Similar grade to last, but with traces of prooflike surface. Rare. **Plate**
Same dies as Clarke's (our Forty-Seventh sale, lot 1421), but a much earlier impression from them, therefore presumably one of the 5,000 regularly made under the federal government.
- 13 **1867.** Much better than Ex. Fine, much original mint surface; the reverse could almost pass for Unc. This piece probably had no circulation but it has fraternized in a bag far too long to qualify as mint state. Nevertheless attractive and rare.
Mintage 251,015, but shows up very seldom. None in Baldenhofer or Melish.
- 14 **1869 "S".** Many letters on reverse recut; die crack through tops. Very Fine, fairly clean but rather flatly struck.
Mintage 686,750. Die of Melish 929.
- 15 **1870.** Similar grade to the 1867, a bit nicer if anything— fewer bag marks. The reverse is particularly lovely. Rare and infrequently offered.
Mintage 155,150. Melish's, About VF, brought full estimate of \$67.50 on the depressed market of early 1956.
- 16 **1872 "S".** Small S left, over center of N. Very Fine, bold and lustrous. Not often seen better.
Die of lot 122, our Forty-Ninth sale.
- 17 **1873 "CC".** Extremely Fine, flatly struck but highly lustrous. One of the rarer Carsons.
Mintage 22,410. Has been bringing \$85. to \$140.00.
- 18 **1874 "S".** Small incomplete S, over right serif of N; reverse die cracked. Ex. Fine, brilliant and frosty; perhaps a trifle nicer than last.
Apparently an earlier state of the die of Melish 950.
- 19 **1878 "CC".** Very Fine, lustrous; fairly clean. Far better than Melish's; the best we remember seeing in several years. Fifth rarest Carson City double eagle. Worth a strong three-figure price.
Mintage 13,180. None in Baldenhofer or our Forty-Ninth offering.

The Very Rare 1879 "O" Double Eagle

- 20 **1879 "O".** Very Fine or better, somewhat lustrous; bag marked in fields and on rims. Very rare; probably will bring about \$350.00. **Plate**
Mintage 2,325. Nevertheless, though very rare, not quite in a class with lots 8 and 10, as several excellent specimens are known (they were probably saved as souvenirs of the reopening of the mint). The present coin is slightly nicer than Melish's at \$235.; it is due to rise as a type coin — *the only New Orleans double eagle with motto*.
- 21 **1880.** Brilliant, satiny **Uncirculated**; a couple of bag marks on either side, otherwise a "gem." Completely unheard of in this quality! Therefore, extremely rare so and worth a good price. **Plate**
Mintage 51,420, but specimens simply have not turned up in top condition.

The Extremely Rare 1882 Double Eagle

- 22 **1882.** Extremely Fine, in all probability a former proof; very nearly full sharpness with traces of original proof (like?) surface, now somewhat dulled and bag marked though not seriously. We know with certainty only one other circulated example. Value estimates here are sheer guesswork. **Plate**
Mintage 590 plus 59 proofs. The other circulated one was in the Baldenhofer sale, November 1955. We have heard of several others but not been able to verify them.

- 23 1884 "S". About Uncirculated. Really a mint state coin which fraternized a bit too long in a bag; fully brilliant.
Superior to examples in the Atwater (Mehl, 1946), Memorable (Numismatic Gallery, 1948), Dr. Green (Mehl, 1949), Menjou (Numismatic Gallery, 1950) sales; comparable with that in our Forty-Ninth sale.
- 24 1884 "CC". Close to Extremely Fine, lustrous.
Mintage 81,139. None in Peake. Baldenhofer's brought \$125.00.
- 25 1885 "S". Practically Unc. Same comment as for lot 23, but if anything more brilliant.
Mintage 683,500. Usually comes only Ex. Fine, for some reason.
- 26 1887 "S". Extremely Fine, lustrous. Unusually clean. One of the scarcer San Francisco doubles.
Mintage 283,000, which is relatively low. This is a sleeper; for the evidence see our Forty-Ninth catalog.

Magnificent and Extremely Rare 1888 Proof Double Eagle

- 27 1888. Brilliant, practically FDC, **Proof**. The perfectionist with a magnifying glass will not find much to complain about: a touch of cloudiness here and there, a couple of lint marks (from lint left in the dies — not a defect incurred after striking), one faint reverse hairline — and that is all. Probably will bring about \$1,500., to judge by the performance of inferior proofs of other dates in recent months; the market is not stable enough to make such quotations too meaningful. **Plate**
Mintage 102 proofs. It is doubtful if many of them are of the quality of this one, as proof gold got spent in hard times, as Wayte Raymond pointed out — for evidence see the three dollar pieces, which follow.
- 28 Another 1888. About Uncirculated, plus; fully brilliant, lightly but extensively bag marked. Decidedly scarce as a date.
Mintage 226,164. The uncirculated one in our Forty-Ninth sale, estimated at \$75., brought \$77.50. Others offered since have been inferior.
- 29 1889 "S". Brilliant Uncirculated, the obverse bag marked, the reverse less so and unusually bright. More attractive than it sounds. We have not seen an equal one in a long time.
None in Memorable or Peake. Baldenhofer's was not equal to this one.
- 30 1890. Obverse Extremely Fine or better, reverse About Unc.; considerable original mint frost, and without serious bag marks. An excellent match for the piece in our last sale at \$95.; an important opportunity, as we have seen only one really mint state example.
Mintage 75,940. The uncirculated one was in the part of the Straus estate sold by Stack's.
- 31 1890 "CC". Very close to Extremely Fine, obverse a trifle under that grade, reverse well over it. Lustrous, reverse particularly beautiful despite weak borders; clean.
- 32 1892. Better than About Unc., highly brilliant, but bag marked enough to take it out of the mint state class overall. Nevertheless, attractive and a well known rarity. **Plate**
Mintage 4,430. Baldenhofer's was not as nice; Neumoyer's, EF with a rim nick, commanded \$400.00.
- 33 1892 "S". Frosty, brilliant Uncirculated; above average quality. Not often offered so.
Record \$55. VF in the Memorable sale, 1948.
- 34 1894. Really Unc., but with the faintest touch of rubbing on a few curls; otherwise clean, fully brilliant.
- 35 1895. Brilliant Unc., early strike, but with many bag marks, a few of them on rims.
- 36 1896. Unusually brilliant Uncirculated. Rather less than the usual number of mint abrasions, though not completely clean.
Mintage 792,545. Less common than even this moderate figure would suggest.
- 37 1898. A hair's breadth short of Unc., very much like the 1894; a couple of light rim nicks.
Mintage 170,395. Considerably scarcer than last.
- 38 1898 "S". Obverse nicer than last, reverse fully brilliant and choice Unc. A beauty!
- 39 1900. Extra brilliant "gem" Uncirculated; nearly though not quite Superb.
- 40 1900 "S". Fully brilliant, choice Unc., a few bag marks away from "gem" quality.

- 41 **1901.** Brilliant Unc., cleaner than last save for a couple of minute rim marks. Rare.
Mintage 111,430. Superior to that in our last sale at a modest \$60.00.
- 42 **1902.** Obverse Ex. Fine, bag marked; reverse a hair's breadth from full Unc., brilliant and clean. Rare and still unappreciated.
Mintage 31,140. The specimen in our 1955 Peake sale realized \$110.—representing, of course, the state of the market before the current interest in rare gold.
- 43 **1903.** Extra brilliant, choice Unc.; an early strike, a few minute bag marks away from "gem" grade. Another beauty.
Mintage 287,170. We haven't seen one equal to this in a long time!
- 44 **1906.** Extremely Fine, toned. Rare, seldom offered.
Mintage 69,596. The mint state one in our last sale brought \$135.00. Cf. lot 1273, following.
- 45 **1907.** Popular final year of this design. Brilliant Unc., unevenly struck; frosty and clean, and it would be a "gem" but for a few rim marks.

Popular 1907 St. Gaudens Roman Date Double Eagle

- 46 **1907. St. Gaudens design; date MCMVII.** High relief; wire edge. Brilliant, choice Unc. Two or three microscopic bag marks, a few equally minute nicks on the wire edge. Now quoted well over \$400. in inferior quality.
- 47 **1907.** Similar, "Arabic" date. Low relief. Bright Unc., weakly and flatly struck on leg and much of drapery as just about always.
Decidedly undervalued. We haven't handled a better example in many years. That in the W. G. C. auction brought \$110.00, nearly fifteen years ago; the equal one in our Fifty-Fourth sale slept at \$81.00.
- 48 **1908.** With motto. Similar grade to last, but with a faint trace of rubbing on leg.
Mintage 156,258. One of those "forgotten" coins.
- 49 **1908 "D".** Motto. Brilliant, choice Unc., a "gem" save for a few bag marks.
- 50 **1909 "S". Double S.** Mintmark first punched correctly but very lightly, then repunched heavily, much too high and tilted crazily to left, overlapping the first S. The total effect is quite grotesque. At worst a minute rub away from full Unc., frosty, clean and choice. Worth whatever it will bring. **Enlarged Plate**
The only one we have encountered; there cannot be many others around, as someone surely would have noticed this weirdly blundered die.
- 51 **1909 "D".** Extremely Fine, clean and bright. A definite sleeper.
Mintage 52,500. We have not handled one in a long time.
- 52 **1910 "D".** Same grade, if anything more brilliant. Nicer than that in our Eliasberg offering.
- 53 **1913 "S".** Brilliant, choice Unc., identical in quality to the 1908 "D". The last one we had, in our Forty-Ninth sale, went reasonably at \$115.00. It was not as nice as this one.
Mintage 34,500, therefore more likely to go up in price in the long run than some of the later high-priced mintmarks.
- 54 **1914.** Identical grade. A beauty and a definite sleeper.
Mintage 95,250. Peake's was only AU; the best one was that in our Straus offering at \$82.50. The present coin is about its equal and should bring at least as much, or more.
- 55 **1915.** Unc., nearly of the quality of the last two but with a faint trace of abrasion on the knee. This is the best one we have handled; superior to Peake's and that in our last sale.
Mintage 152,000.
- 56 **1925.** Brilliant, choice Unc. About like the 1913 "S" and 1914, though not as scarce or rare.
- 57 **1925 "S".** Brilliant Unc., several rim nicks. Reverse border rather weakly struck. Moderately bag marked. Melish's, only AU, went at \$102.50.
- 58 **1926.** Brilliant, choice Unc. Type collector's coin.

The Very Rare 1931 Double Eagle

- 59 **1931.** Brilliant, clean and choice Uncirculated. Flatly struck on drapery, and with a solitary reverse bag mark, otherwise a real "gem." **Plate**
The last one we saw was Melish's at a low, low \$350.00. It would be a matter of guess work to estimate what the present one is worth. Fewer records on this than on the 1932!

The Very Rare 1932 Double Eagle

- 60 1932. Brilliant Unc., identical quality to last, and probably will bring a little more. **Plate**

We have four recent records for this date: Dr. Smith (1955) \$500., Baldenhofer \$400., T. J. Clarke (1956) \$320., Melish \$425.00. Remember that these were all several years before the current interest in rare gold.

The Excessively Rare 1795 Eagle with Nine Leaves in Branch

- 61 1795. Adams 5; Not in Clapp; Newcomer 439. **Rarity 8.** Eagle standing on branch with nine leaves (regular has THIRTEEN). Extremely Fine, weak in centers, and with many adjustment marks; some chips out of planchet (as made) on both sides. Rim dent at T of UNITED. A few small pit-like planchet defects. **The first one we have seen, and only the second we have heard of.** Of extreme desirability as a type coin; potentially a \$2,000. item! **Plate**

Probably included with the 911 delivered November 27, 1795, the last coinage of the year. The other four varieties have 13 leaves in branch; the 1796-7 have 11. The other specimen known to us is the Newcomer coin, illustrated by Adams in the 1934 *Coin Collector's Journal*, and it has dropped out of sight. It was VF and cost Newcomer \$100., which was then at least double the ordinary price. To account for the rarity of this variety is difficult. Probably the reverse die breaks — at next to right leaf on branch, and at first T in STATES — advanced rapidly, rendering the die useless. At least *fifty* times rarer than the regular type of this year, which is now at least a \$600. coin EF; therefore our estimate is not unreasonable.

- 62 1797. Heraldic Eagle. A-2; C-2; N-442. Extremely Fine, mostly clean, much mint frost, but weakly struck in centers, though elsewhere very sharp. **Plate**

Mintage of this design, 12,089. Compare H. P. Smith 103, Baldenhofer 1435, and lot 1084 following, for other examples of this die. Neumoyer's, VF, brought \$260.00.

- 63 1797. Similar; reverse of 1798 (star well to left of beak). A-4; C-4; N-444. Very Fine, clean and nice. **Plate**

Cf. Woodin 1186, Melish 2350 and lot 684 of our last sale, at \$245.00.

- 64 1799. Irregular date, small stars, very small berries. A-5; C-3; N-450. Well over Ex. Fine, lightly bag marked. **Plate**

Cf. Woodin 1192; same die as that in our Fifty-Third sale, but far better. Worth well over \$200. in the present market.

- 65 1801. A-1; C-1; N-456. Usual variety of the date. Better than VF, exceptionally clean; mediocre strike, with some adjustment marks at RTY. After looking at the sharp breast feathers we suspect we are grossly undergrading this piece. **Plate**

Compare lot 688, our Fifty-Fourth sale, at \$220.00.

- 66 1803. Rev. Small stars. Thin light letters. A-1; not in Clapp; N-458. Ex. Fine to About Unc., unevenly struck but a beauty; clean and lustrous, especially on reverse. **Plate**

- 67 1803. Similar. A-2; C-2; N-459. Die injured, especially below tail and near and under UNI. Close to Ex. Fine, adjustment marks. Better than that in our Straus offering. **Plate**

- 68 1855. Brilliant, splendid **Uncirculated**. The only one we have ever heard of in this grade!

- 69 1856. Just Very Fine. Scarce, only 60,490 minted.

- 70 1856 "O". Weak, thin O over EN. Fine obverse, VG reverse; even wear, no serious blemish. Rare, unappreciated!

Mintage 14,500. Die of Melish 2431 — only one other reverse made for the year. Two records worth noting — \$70. in Davis-Graves, VF, 1954, and \$77.50 for another one in our Fifty-Fourth sale, which was better than VF.

- 71 1857 "O". Almost Very Fine. Obverse sharper than reverse (as on last); clean, rather bold, evenly worn. Very rare.

Mintage 5,500. Melish's was a trifle better; no other recent records.

The Extremely Rare 1859 "O" Eagle

- 72 1859 "O". Extremely Fine, fairly clean; sharp, with traces of original prooflike surface. Hidden rim bruise. **RARER THAN THE 1858 BY MINTAGE AND BY ACTUAL COUNT OF SPECIMENS SEEN!** This rarity will be a bargain, whatever the price it brings! **Plate**

Mintage 2,300 (the 1858 has a mintage of 2,521). We have not seen as many as ten examples of this mintmark, while about eleven 1858's are now known to us, including coins impounded. The piece here offered is unusually fine, being decidedly superior to the Davis-Graves and Melish coins, as well as the impression in our Forty-Ninth offering.

- 73 **1863.** Very Fine plus. Lustrous; bag marked but attractive. Extremely rare and very seldom offered in any grade. **Plate**
Mintage 1,248, which may mean 1,225 plus 23 proofs. No recent records in non-proof.
- 74 **1868.** Just Very Fine. No recent records. Rarer than its mintage of 10,640 would suggest.
- 75 **1870.** Similar grade, but more flatly struck; nicked at wing, but with traces of prooflike lustre. Very rare, almost extremely so.
Mintage 2,500, or less than 1858! No recent auction records.
- 76 **1874.** At first sight this brilliant, frosty coin looks Unc., but under a glass it shows minor flatnesses which seem principally to be from weak striking but which may conceal slight rubbing. Trivial bag marks. **The finest one we have seen** in non-proof; not known to us when we wrote the comment in our Fifty-Fourth catalogue.
Mintage 53,140. Comparable to the 1880 double eagle, as a few specimens of both have recently been offered in ordinary condition.
- 77 **1876 "CC".** Barely Very Fine, hairline obverse scratch. Rare.
Mintage 4,696, making this one of the five rarest Carson City eagles. Records \$65. Fine in Davis-Graves, \$46. VF in our 1957 Eliasberg offering — and *none* since. A definite sleeper.

The Exceedingly Rare 1877 Eagle

- 78 **1877.** Better than Very Fine; similar in quality and general appearance to the 1868; traces of prooflike surface. First we've seen in other than proof! **Cheap at almost any price! Plate**
Mintage 797. No auction records known to us — hardly a surprise under the circumstances. *Compared to this date, 1858 is common.*
- 79 **1878.** Very Fine to Ex. Fine, reverse especially with mint frost. Moderate mintage.

The Very Rare 1879 "O" Eagle

- 80 **1879 "O".** Extremely Fine, traces of prooflike surface; a few trivial bag marks. Rarer than the 1858; lower mintage than the 1859 "O", and in a rarity class with it. Again, valuations would be sheer guesswork. **Plate**
Mintage 1,500. We have only two auction records recent enough to mean anything: Davis-Graves, \$150. VF nicked up; our Forty-Ninth sale, \$165. EF. Triple this latter figure would not readily locate another one today. *"One of the seven rarest Liberty Heads."*
- 81 **1882 "CC".** Very Fine plus, some mint frost; many small bag marks. One of the rarer eagles from this mint.
Mintage 6,764. Available auction records are all too old to be any help in estimating value.

The Extremely Rare 1883 "O" Eagle"

- 82 **1883 "O".** Very Fine to Ex. Fine, a rather flat strike but with surface and general quality very much like the 1879 "O", to which it is an excellent companion. The late B. Max Mehl estimated that "not more than 10 or 12" of these were extant; if anything, this seems a liberal estimate. **Plate**
Mintage 800, like the 1885 quarter eagle and three dollar piece, but much rarer than those. Again, there are no recent auction records, and there is no point in quoting ancient ones.
- 83 **1888 "S".** Brilliant Uncirculated. Frosty; somewhat bag marked, but nice. Decidedly hard to find so.
- 84 **1890.** Extremely Fine, considerable mint frost; a few small bag marks. Rare.
Mintage 57,980. The VF Davis-Graves coin brought \$40., six and a half years ago.
- 85 **1890 "CC".** Very Fine, the reverse sharper than obverse. Very scarce.
Mintage 17,500.
- 86 **1893 "O".** From a distance this would pass as Brilliant Uncirculated, but under a glass one can see minute traces of rubbing together with a few bag marks, not really constituting impairment. Highly attractive and rare; this is the **FINEST** example we have seen.
Mintage 17,000. That in our last sale, EF-AU, then believed the finest, slept.
- 87 **1896.** Brilliant, frosty Unc. A few minute bag marks away from "gem" level. Rarely seen in this quality; Melish's was inferior, and others lately offered have not even been mint state.
Mintage 76,270; scarcer than this figure would indicate.

- 88 **1902.** Extremely brilliant, satiny Uncirculated. An early strike, minutely but extensively bag marked. A trifle nicer looking than the piece in our Fifty-Fourth sale at \$30.00.
Mintage 82,400. Underrated, in spite of the small number that have appeared on the market from Europe.
- 89 **1903 "O".** Very close to Unc. Similar to the 1893 "O", but somewhat more extensively bag marked; the frosty brilliance is still highly impressive.
- 90 **1906 "D".** Ex. Fine to About Unc., just about full mint frost. First Denver eagle, therefore a type coin.
- 91 **1907.** This highly brilliant coin is evidently Unc., but under a glass it shows minute abrasion on one or two curls and wing tip, and a couple of small rim nicks.

Two Splendid and Rare 1907 St. Gaudens Eagles with Periods

- 92 **1907. Indian Head; periods before and after legends, wire edge.** Satiny, brilliant Unc., just about "gem" quality. Lately quoted around \$450. so, surely conservative for any gold coin with a mintage under 500. **Plate**
- 93 **Another.** Identical to last, but a glass discloses two or three minute and insignificant bag marks, one of them on reverse rim. **Plate**
- 94 **1907. Regular issue, without periods; obverse modified from preceding.** Brilliant Unc., minutely bag marked, softly struck in centers as usual.
This obverse design differs from that on the coins with periods in the size and position of stars and the placement of letters in LIBERTY and minor details of hair. The reason for the modification is unknown.
- 95 **1908. Design as preceding. No motto.** About Unc. or so, brilliant but bag marked; softly struck as was the last, characteristically so. A major sleeper; a coin to watch, particularly in top condition!
Mintage 33,500; no recent records.
- 96 **1908 "D".** No motto. About Unc., plus; reverse particularly appealing.
- 97 **1908 "S".** Motto. Different design from preceding. Barely Unc., brilliant and frosty; one of the three finest we have actually seen. Decidedly rare; exceptionally so in this condition.
Mintage 59,850. Design again modified; obverse differs from the coins without motto. On the no-motto coins, letters in LIBERTY are thick and in low relief; on those with motto, they are thin, sharply defined and more bold. There are also differences in central waves of hair. Apparently these modifications were made to improve wearing qualities and legibility.
- 98 **1914.** Brilliant, splendid Unc., almost "gem" quality. Melish didn't have one equal to this.
- 99 **1926.** Exactly as last. GUIDE BOOK, \$35.00.

Half Eagles

- 100 **1798.** Small wide date, heraldic eagle. Breen 7: 5-F; Adams 7; not in Clapp; Newcomer 29. **Rarity 7.** Very Fine or so. This variety (see below) of great importance to the specialist, particularly when the new publication on gold varieties eventually appears. **Plate**
This variety identifiable by irregular arrangement of stars on reverse, top two leaves very thin, claw very short and well away from final A. Obverse die cracked from edge through cap; reverse shattered. Adams called the variety rare; we have no record of any specimens other than the present one and that illustrated by Adams, presumably the Newcomer-Green coin, which has dropped out of sight.
- 101 **1800.** A-3; C-1; N-40. R-3. Extremely Fine, lustrous; reverse nicer than obverse. Clean, save for minute border nick left of date. One not as nice brought \$140. in our last sale.
- 102 **1803/2.** A-3; C-4; N-52. R-4. Ex. Fine, obverse bag marked; reverse better, lustrous, though with a minute rim nick and signs of contact with a touchstone.
- 103 **1804.** Small 180 over large 180. Not in Adams, Clapp or Newcomer; obverse A-5, reverse new. R-7? Ex. Fine plus, much like the 1800 but if anything a trifle nicer, the reverse particularly brilliant.
Die of lot 978, our Fifty-First sale, and of Landau 733 (our Fifty-Second auction).
- 104 **1805.** Perfect 1. A-3; C-2; N-65. R-5? Very Fine, reverse stronger than obverse.
- 105 **1806.** Knobbed 6, stars 7 + 6. A-1; C-1; N-68. R-2. Better than Ex. Fine, similar quality to the 1804; clean and frosty, but not quite so sharply struck. Nice. Finer than those in our last few offerings.

- 106 **1807.** Bust right. B. 1-A; C-1. R-3. Small date, distant 1, small stars. Rev. Small stars, lowest outer leaf hollow. Heavy rim break over T in UNITED. In grade and quality identical to last. **FINER THAN ALL THREE MELISH COINS.**
- 107 **1807.** New design, by Reich. Bust left. C-6. R-2. Extremely Fine, considerable mint frost, of the same caliber as the last two. A few faint obverse adjustment marks; reverse border somewhat weak as often. That in our last sale brought \$120.00.
- 108 **1808.** Perfect date, wide 5 D as usual. C-2. R-2. About EF, considerable lustre, with a few minute bag marks; weak borders. Reverse more attractive than obverse, if anything.
- 109 **1809/8.** C-1. R-2. Also close to Extremely Fine, with a couple of minute rim nicks.

The Excessively Rare 1810 Small Date, Small 5 Half Eagle

- 110 **1810.** C-3. **Rarity 8.** Small date, as on preceding years. Rev. Small 5, narrow and not as tall as D; about the height of E in UNITED. Sharpness, and traces of the surface, of Mint State, but has been expertly gone over, mainly in left obverse field, to minimize or obliterate initials which were cut into it by some vandal. **BESIDES THIS SPECIMEN, WE KNOW ONLY ONE OTHER (see below).** Therefore, three times as rare as the 1798 small eagle, and one of the most fabulous gold coins we have handled! **Plate**

Obverse die shattered, reverse more lightly cracked and with large rust pit near top leaf; the breaks obviously account for the quick discard of this pair of dies. *Not in Eliasberg*; the only other one we know is Earle 2374 (H. Chapman, 1912) which subsequently reappeared in the Dr. Green (Mehl, 1949) collection and has since disappeared. Therefore, we have no basis for making estimates of value, but it is safe to say that \$750. would not begin to locate another specimen.

- 111 **1811.** Small 5. C-1. R-4. Ex. Fine or so, much like the 1808 above in quality. A few reverse adjustment marks. That in our last sale brought \$115.00.
- 112 **1811.** Large 5. (5 much taller than adjacent D.) C-2. R-4. A shade less sharp than preceding; similar quality and general appearance.
- 113 **1814/13.** C-1. Borderline R-6. Extremely Fine; not the sharpest strike imaginable, but beautifully clean, with nearly full original mint frost. From a distance this piece would easily pass as Unc. Injured dies — rather late state, the overdate not too clear. Undervalued, like the entire 1813-18 group. **Plate**
Finer than Neumoyer's at \$120., or than either Melish coin.
- 114 **1818.** C-1. R-6. Close date, perfect 5 D., 5 close to leaf. Ex. Fine, highly lustrous; a few bag marks on either side, one or two on rims. Same comment as last. **Plate**
- 115 **1825/21.** C-2. Borderline R-7. Extremely Fine, appreciable prooflike surface; comparatively clean and attractive. Finer than the one in our Eliasberg offering at a low \$390.; similar in quality to Melish's at \$550.00. An excellent investment at anything under \$750. today! **Plate**
- 116 **1834.** New type, no motto; triple cut 4. A-6; C-4. Small plain 4, the triple cutting obvious at upper right. Very Fine to Ex. Fine, clean. Earlier die state than that in our last public auction.
- 117 **1835. Unlisted.** (Obverse of lot 390, reverse of lot 391, our Forty-Ninth sale.) Extremely Fine, some lustre. Doubtless rare.
- 118 **1836.** C-2; die described in lot 393, our Forty-Ninth sale.* Very Fine plus, sharp; granular planchet streak down in r. obverse field. From our Eliasberg offering. This variety rare.
*Close date, last star close to curl, vertical break from 8th star down to 6. Rev. Long slender leaves (look at lowest one, that nearest to 5 — it is longer than its neighbor); long arrowheads, one touching A; TES close; no berry; N filled.
- 119 **1836.** C-1; die of lot 392, our Forty-Ninth sale.* Ex. Fine, a bit softly struck but brilliant and frosty.
*Last star away from curl; one denticle too short above 7th star. Rev. Shorter leaves, TES wide, A barely free of wing and the other A away from arrowhead; no berry.
- 120 **1836.** Not in Clapp. Same obv. as last. Rev. Similar, but with berry; period after D low (in lot 119 it is high). Ex. Fine or so, red copper oxide toning. Doubtless rare.
- 121 **1836. Unpublished.** Wide date, vertical crack almost touching 8 at r. Rev. **Very small 5, very small arrowheads**, with berry; remainder of die rather similar to the last two. Fine. Very rare and an obvious type coin.

- 122 1837. C-1. Large date, 3 a trifle low; single lock. Rev. Small 5. Very Fine to Ex. Fine, relatively clean and bright; some mint frost.
- 123 1837. Small date. C-3. **Nearly R-7.** Fine or better, nick at final S. The beauty in our 1958 Landau sale brought \$75.00.
- 124 1838. C-1. Small, compact 5; broad leaves. Heavy claws, large arrowheads, TES close. Die of lot 396, our Forty-Ninth sale. Very Fine plus.
- 125 1838. C-2. Large, open 5; slender leaves. Thin claws, small short arrowheads, T E S very wide. Die of lot 753, our Fifty-Fourth sale. Ex. Fine, lustrous; a bit granular, but without serious bag marks. Very rare.
- 126 **1838 "C".** Very Fine, fairly bold but much bag marked. Type coin; only Charlotte mint with this head.
Mintage 10,959 plus 6,232 struck in 1839 from the 1838 dies = 17,191. Not in Baldenhofer, among other famous sales.
- 127 1839/8. Coronet head design. Very Fine, a bit granular; some reverse lustre. Very, very scarce.
Much rarer than its mintage (118,143) would suggest. Neumoyer's similar one brought \$43.00.
- 128 1840. Regular border. Extremely Fine, sharp but bag marked. Neumoyer's, also EF, realized \$43.00.
Also known with extremely wide border (lot 991, following), as are coins from the other mints of this date; *these wide-border pieces were made in error and are very rare.*
- 129 **1840 "C".** Broad mill; diameter same as 1834-39 issues, larger than any subsequent ones. Ex. Fine, bright and frosty; weak in centers and struck on a somewhat granular planchet but comparatively clean. This mintmark not in Baldenhofer at all; nicer than Melish's regular one. RRR.
Mintage of this type, 1,970. See lot 991 following.
- 130 1840 "D". Regular border. Traces of recutting on mintmark. About **Uncirculated**, brilliant and a beauty; exceptionally choice for the grade, clean and frosty. From a distance it would readily pass as full Mint State. Extraordinary condition for a coin from this mint! **Plate**
Mintage of this type, 18,459. The Rives S. Brown coin (NENA, 1959) brought \$42.50 in only VG. We have no record of any specimen equal to the present one.
- 131 1840 "O". Regular border. Ex. Fine, needle sharp and bright, but with a few light bag marks, most of them on reverse. A type coin: first New Orleans half eagle.
Mintage of this type, 35,700. This includes 8,300 struck in Jan.-Feb. 1841 from 1840 dies. Melish's was only VF.
- 132 **1841.** Close to Ex. Fine, granular and lightly bag marked. Desirable, and important!
Mintage 15,833. Really rare, but another of those "forgotten coins."
- 133 1841 "D". Small D. Obverse close to EF; reverse VF. Clean. Decidedly scarce.
Mintage 29,392. This is apparently from the die of Melish 1991a, and lot 402 of our Forty-Ninth sale. Baldenhofer had none; the Rives S. Brown example brought \$41. VG.
- 134 1842. Large letters. Very Fine plus, reverse sharper than obverse; fairly clean.
- 135 1843. Very Fine plus, very sharp; a bit nicer than last if anything.
- 136 1843 "C". Small letters, small mintmark. Very Fine, the usual strike. Nicer than that in our last sale at \$47. to a dealer.
Mintage 44,268.
- 137 1844. Extremely Fine, bag marked but with considerable brilliance.
- 138 1844 "D". Strictly VF, above average strike; bag marked, but not seriously. The similar Rives S. Brown coin brought \$41.00.
- 139 1845 "D". Brilliant, choice **Uncirculated**. Frosty and needle sharp, and nearly "gem" grade but for several plain obverse bag marks and an old (comparatively minor) scratch behind neck. One of the two finest we have seen of this mintmark; Dahlonga gold in strictly mint condition is very rare, there having been in this period no collectors to put away new specimens. **Plate**
Ex Rives S. Brown collection at a low \$57.50, but obviously worth much more now. The other mint state one was Melish 2013. The present coin is from the dies of Melish 2016.
- 140 1846. Large date, spaced 1 8 4 6. Better than Ex. Fine, much lustre.
- 141 1846. **Small date**, spaced 18 4 6. Just about EF, lustrous; one rather serious bag mark at lower r. reverse. Uncommonly rare.
Landau's, VF, brought \$45.00. The mintmarked coins all have large date.

- 142 1846 "D". **Double D.** Very Fine, some lustre, some bag marks; the usual strike or a trifle better. Worth a generous premium for the obvious die blunder.
For an illustration of the "Double D" mintmark, see our Forty-Ninth catalogue, Plate III.
- 143 1846 "O". Very Fine, exceptionally clean save for two or three minute rim nicks.
- 144 1847 "C". VF to EF, the usual strike or a little better; lightly bag marked. Nice; similar to the one in our Eliasberg offering.
- 145 1847 "D". EF, bright, lightly bag marked; would be exceptionally nice, except that some idiot has cleaned it with an eraser. The VF Stack-Straus coin brought \$47.00.
Die description: Small line left of base of 4. Rev. Crack through F, tops of IVE D through dot and just missing top of final A, to edge.
- 146 1848. Ex. Fine, much original brilliance; very lightly bag marked.
Die description: Crack from final 8 to truncation, then vertically through back hair, turning r. to border above 10th star; another crack from border to 8th star to border; another from border to 4th star to border; another from bust up through field to chin, through face and out to 6th star to edge, a branch from 6th star to coronet point. (Later state of dies of Melish 2040.)
- 147 1848 "C". Very Fine or so, reverse a little weaker; lightly but not seriously bag marked. Usual strike or worse; possibly what looks like wear on this coin is partly weak striking.
- 148 1848 "D". VF to EF, the usual strike; lustrous, less bag marked than usual. The much inferior R. S. Brown coin brought \$42.00.
Obverse like Melish 2047, with small weak stars, crack through 11th and 12th stars and from neck point to border. Rev. Cracks from beak to A, wing to arrows to R, RICA to dot to period to E D. Mintmark does not touch feathers or stem.
- 149 1849. Frosty, brilliant **Uncirculated**. Rather softly struck in centers; a few bag marks. Possibly ex Melish 2048 at \$32.00. Very rare condition, worthy of a good price today!
- 150 1849 "D". Mintmark touches above. Very Fine, clean, somewhat lustrous; usual strike. Cf. Melish 2051. That in our Eliasberg offering brought \$49., over three years ago.
Mintage 39,036.
- 151 1850. Extremely Fine; lustrous, rather softly struck in centers. A scarce date.
- 152 1850 "D". Very Fine, cleaner than usual. Minor reverse planchet defect; usual strike. These attractive Dahlonga Mint coins can only rise in value.
- 153 1851 "C". Very Fine; average in everything except that there are fewer bag marks than usual.
- 154 1851 "D". Recut first 1. Rev. Mintmark over E and left. Very Fine, minor bag marks, one of them on second 1.
- 155 1852 "C". High date, 1 imbedded in bust. Extremely Fine, highly lustrous; trivial signs of handling. Not often seen this choice!
- 156 1852 "D". Very Fine, usual strike; weak borders, cleaner than usual. The Brown coin brought \$40., though it was only Very Good plus.
- 157 1853 "C". Better than Ex. Fine, highly lustrous — finer than the 1852 "C" if anything. Unusually sharp strike. Premium coin so; finer than Melish's and just about all others.
- 158 1853 "D". Mintmark above V. (Cf. Melish 2069, apparently the same die.) Better than VF, bold; unusually clean.
- 159 1854 "D". Better than Ex. Fine, usual strike; highly lustrous. Some red copper oxide tone; a couple of minor reverse scratches. Exceptional grade.
Differs from both Melish varieties; 1 does not touch bust, mintmark well to r. and touches stem. A comparable one in our Fiftieth sale brought \$56.00.
- 160 1854 "O". Very Fine, bright, bag marked. Record \$50. EF in our last offering.
- 161 1855. Very Fine, rather uneven strike; fairly clean. Uncommon.
Nicer than the Kosoff sold Donlon piece.
- 162 1855 "C". Same grade; usual strike, which for this mintmark isn't saying much.
Mintage 39,788.
- 163 1855 "D". Vertical crack, border to left side of first 5 to truncation. This brilliant coin is hard to grade, mainly from weak, uneven striking. We'll call it VF to EF because of its surface and the sharpness of those portions which are struck up at all.
Mintage 22,432.

- 164 **1855 "O"**. Very Fine, fairly clean. Far rarer than popularly supposed.
Mintage a low 11,100.
- 165 **1856 "O"**. Very Fine, as last. Chip out of planchet as made, between F and adjacent wing tip. That in our last sale, also VF, went to a dealer at \$55. after vigorous floor bidding.
Mintage 10,000, making this second only to the unobtainable 1841 "O".
- 166 **1857 "D"**. Brilliant **Uncirculated**. Under a glass this coin shows faint traces of cleaning but no trace of wear or mishandlement. An exceptionally sharp strike! With two or three marks where another coin dropped on it, apparently in a Mint hopper, but still the best one we've seen. **Plate**
Mintage 17,046. The next best one we know of is the Stack-Straus coin, EF, at \$64.00. The present one would make an excellent companion to the Landau quarter eagle of the same date and mint.
- 167 **1857 "O"**. Very Fine. Very much like lots 164 and 165 in quality. Rare and undervalued.
Mintage 13,000.
- 168 **1858**. Very Fine or better; bright, somewhat granular and bag marked, but quite presentable. Seldom offered!
Mintage 15,136. Apparently even rarer than the coinage figure would indicate.
- 169 **1858 "D"**. Very Fine to Ex. Fine, brilliant but lightly scratched. No recent records for better ones.
Mintage 15,362.
- 170 **1858 "S"**. Very Fine or better; sharp, fairly clean though not too bright. Infrequently seen!
Mintage 18,600.
- 171 **1859**. Exactly as last. Rarer, as only 16,814 were made.
- 172 **1859 "C"**. Badly rusted reverse die. Ex. Fine or better for the coin; much original mint frost, a few bag marks. Unusual in appearance, and far above average.
Mintage 31,847. Cf. Melish 2102, but apparently from different dies. Possibly struck in 1860 or 1861? See also lot 175.
- 173 **1859 "D"**. Fine to VF, and probably should be called VF for coin; unevenly struck. Light but rather long obverse field scratch, otherwise clean. A really rare Dahlonega date!
Mintage 10,366.
- 174 **1860**. Very Fine or better, much like the 1858 and 59 above, and likewise infrequently offered.
Mintage 19,825.
- 175 **1860 "C"**. Reverse identical to lot 172; in about the same state. Better than VF for coin; some lustre, some light bag marks. Nicer than that in our Forty-Ninth sale.
Mintage 14,813.
- 176 **1860 "D"**. Another hard-to-grade coin: Unevenly struck, with bright and lustrous surfaces suggesting Extremely Fine, the date, stars and legend suggesting VF or EF, the centers very weak. Much like the 1855 "D" described above.
Mintage 14,635. The Stack sold Reuter example, VF, brought \$75.00.
- 177 **1861 "C"**. Very Fine, somewhat unevenly struck from fairly new dies; lightly bag marked. The last one we saw was Melish's, also VF.
Mintage 15,992 (U.S.), 887 (C. S. A.); this is presumably one of the former. There were two obverse dies made for this year and mint (this one shows many vertical striations in field) and the reverses were left-over dies from 1860. The reverse on this coin shows mintmark over V and right, a trifle above center of space; die file marks over RIC; light crack through AME.
- 178 **1861 "D"**. Seemingly Fine, but from the surface probably should be called VF for coin; weakly and unevenly struck like the 1860 "D". Fairly clean save for a couple of minute rim nicks. Extremely rare and grossly undervalued. **Plate**
Mintage 1,597 U.S., and an unknown amount by the Confederacy; the present coin probably of federal manufacture. The inferior R. S. Brown coin went for \$225. on a \$250. bid last year, rendering the current listings ridiculous.
- 179 **1864**. Very Fine plus, considerable mint lustre; minutely though extensively bag marked. Very rare; **THIS BEING THE FIRST WE RECALL HANDLING**.
Mintage 4,220, which may possibly mean 4,200 business strikes and 20 proofs. This specimen considerably better than Baldenhofer's.
- 180 **1865**. Close to Extremely Fine but nicked up; nevertheless retains much proof-like surface, square border and wire edge. Undoubtedly a former proof! Extremely rare, not in any recent auctions known to us. **Plate**
Mintage 1,270 plus 25 proofs. Only one pair of dies made for the year.

- 181 **1867.** Ex. Fine plus, a great deal of prooflike surface, partly square border and wire edge; but this we believe started out as one of those extremely deceptive early strikes. Unusually clean. None in Baldenhofer; Melish's was only VF, as was that in our Fiftieth sale (which exceeded its estimate).
Mintage 6,870. The specimen in our Fifty-Fourth sale, not quite fully VF, went very reasonably at \$67.50.
- 182 **1868.** Very Fine plus, traces of prooflike surface; bag marked, and with a small but plain rim nick above 9th star. Very rare.
Mintage 5,700. The similar one in our last sale was bid all the way up to \$100., but at least one example has since traded hands at over \$200.00.
- 183 **1870.** Very Fine, another early strike; scratched and nicked up, but bright. Rarer than the last two; none recently offered.
Mintage 4,000.
- 184 **1871.** Extremely Fine, very similar in general appearance and quality to the 1867 though not quite its equal. Still rarer than preceding; grossly undervalued.
Mintage 3,200. No recent records.
- 185 **1871 "S".** Very Fine and bold, but unevenly struck, especially on reverse. Noticeably but not seriously bag marked. One of the best available; for evidence see lot 448, our Forty-Ninth sale.
Mintage 25,000.
- 186 **1871 "CC".** In sharpness Fine or better, but with surfaces irresistibly suggesting VF. A mintmark very difficult to locate!
Mintage 20,770. Melish's was about equal to that here offered. Out-of-date record of \$52. for a slightly sharper one in the Stack-Straus offering.
- 187 **1872.** Very Fine to Extremely Fine; lovely first-strike surface, and with relatively few signs of handling. The world's record for this date is the \$300. we obtained for the uncirculated one in our Fifty-Fourth sale; second place is Reuter's, Ex. Fine at \$165.00. **Plate**
Mintage a low, low 1,660. See our Fifty-Fourth catalogue for why this date has soared.
- 188 **1872 "CC".** Very Fine, unevenly struck—weak in centers; exceptionally clean, and for the grade choice. One of the scarcer Carsons.
Mintage 16,980.
- 189 **1875 "CC".** Recut FIVE D. Fine obverse, VF reverse, similar to the two preceding Carsons. Like those, quite clean, and almost never seen better. The impression grows on us that we are undergrading these because of the uncertainty where weak striking leaves off and wear begins.
Mintage 11,828, making this one of the six rarest Carsons. The not quite VF example from the same dies in our Fifty-Fourth sale brought \$72.50, and went to a dealer. Peake's and that in our Fiftieth sale were no better.
- 190 **1876 "CC".** Rust pit on neck. Seemingly F/VF, but with much original surface; an early strike. Were we to judge by surface alone, we would have to grade this piece above Extremely Fine; the lower grade is for the same reason as in the preceding lot. **THE RAREST CARSON CITY HALF EAGLE.**
Mintage only 6,887.
- 191 **1877.** A splendid prooflike early strike, which shows just barely enough evidence of handling to take it out of the mint state class. One or two small copper oxide stains on either side. Of extreme rarity! If this highly desirable piece were in our stock, we would ask all of \$500. for it. **Plate**
Mintage an infinitesimal 1,132; the lowest Philadelphia coinage (except 1875) since 1815, and one of the half dozen lowest of all. "At least 750 times rarer than the cent of this year"—our Forty-Ninth catalogue.
- 192 **1877 "CC".** Very Fine or better, somewhat lustrous but bag marked. Fourth rarest Carson City half eagle.
Mintage 8,680. None in Melish, despite the unusual completeness of that collection.
- 193 **1879 "CC".** Crack through base of date and several stars. Very Fine, usual quality.
Mintage 17,281.
- 194 **1880 "CC".** Very Fine, much like lot 192 in quality; perhaps a trifle fewer bag marks.
- 195 **1883 "S".** As last, but brighter. A mintmark with a low coinage for San Francisco fives of this period.

- 196 1884 "CC". Very Fine, not too bright but fairly bold. Far from common!
Mintage 16,402.
- 197 1885 "S". Brilliant and frosty, but bag marked just enough to take it out of the uncirculated class. Worth \$20.00.

The Very Rare Proof 1888 Half Eagle

- 198 1888. Brilliant, splendid **Proof**. A few microscopic hairlines, visible only at a certain angle, are all that keep this from absolute perfection. Minute chip out of flan, as made, near 2nd star. Worthy of a high three-figure price; no auction records recent enough to mean anything. **Plate**
Mintage 94 proofs, 16,202 regulars.
- 199 1891. Cracks through 5th star and most of inscription. Brilliant and frosty, like the 1885 "S", and of similar quality — just short of mint state because of bag marks. The uncirculated one in our last sale brought \$28.; this is the second finest we have seen, that being the best.
Mintage 61,360, but rarer than that figure would suggest. Dr. Peake had only a VF example, and most others have been worse.
- 200 1892 "CC". Just Very Fine, fairly clean; traces of lustre.
- 201 1894 "O". Better than Very Fine, lustrous, with some of the usual bag marks.
Mintage 16,600.
- 202 1896. Reverse legend recut. Extremely Fine, bright and lustrous, but with abundant evidence of bag abrasion, and traces of a removable gummy deposit. Very scarce.
Mintage a really low 58,960.
- 203 1896. Legend normal. Very close to Uncirculated. Really a Mint State coin which jounced around in a bag too long. Excellent match for the 1885 "S" above, perhaps a bit nicer. We have the feeling we are being too conservative on these and similar coins. Worth more than the last!
1896 is a "sleeper date," seldom offered.
- 204 1900. Ex. Fine to About Unc., brilliant; some light copper oxide tarnish spots.
- 205 1901 "S". Reverse die cracked at AM and value. A thin hair's breadth from Unc., frosty and mostly clean.
- 206 1902. Brilliant, frosty Unc., somewhat bag marked. Uncommon.
Mintage 172,400.
- 207 1902 "S". Better than Ex. Fine, very brilliant and fairly clean.
- 208 1903. Brilliant, frosty Unc., like the 1902 but brighter if anything.
- 209 1904 "S". Cracks through first six stars. Brilliant, choice **Uncirculated**. Sharp strike; fewer bag marks than usual, chip out of planchet behind neck (not an impairment). Very rare so; **FINEST** we have handled. **Plate**
Mintage 97,000. Though several regular condition ones have turned up in recent years, this coin is all but unobtainable in strictly mint preservation. Peake's, AU, brought \$105.00.
- 210 Another 1904 "S". Perfect dies. Fine or better. This was our consignor's original specimen before he got the uncirculated one just offered.
- 211 1906. Practically Unc., brilliant; a hidden rim dent below date, otherwise clean. Scarce.
- 212 1907. Close to AU, brilliant but somewhat bag marked.
- 213 1907 "D". Very close indeed to Mint State, very brilliant but bag marked.
- 214 1908. Liberty Head. Highly brilliant and frosty, but bag marked enough to take it out of the mint state class.
- 215 1908. Indian Head. Brilliant, choice Uncirculated; unusually clean. Not often seen so.
- 216 1908 "S". Just about Ex. Fine, some lustre; obverse nicer than reverse. Very rare.
Mintage 82,000. None in Baldenhofer.
- 217 1909 "O". Fine, cleaned with an eraser by some imbecile; the mintmark weak but unmistakable. Genuine, at least; an acceptable example of a popular minor rarity.

Popular and Rare 1879 Flowing Hair Four Dollars Gold

- 218 1879. Four Dollars or Stella. Flowing hair design. Brilliant, lightly hairmarked **Proof**. Standard gold with copper oxide toning and tarnish and showing central striations (in the part where the hair is weakly struck up) as on the 1880 coins. One of the several hundred struck in 1880. Will bring a good price, as a particularly choice example of one of the most popular U.S. gold coins. **Plate**

Adams says 400 minted; the figure of 600 we quoted in earlier offerings comes from a Woodward auction catalogue of the early 1880's which referred to the Coinage Committee of Congress ordering a total of 618 sets of the goloid and metric patterns (which included the stellas). In any event, this is one of the nicer surviving specimens; many others are worn or have loops removed. Record for a similar one, \$4,000. to a dealer at private sale.

Three Dollar Gold Pieces

- 219 1854. Small DOLLARS, as always. Extremely Fine, reverse sharper than obverse; bright and frosty, comparatively free of signs of handling.
Neumoyer's similar example was bid up to \$110.00. Part of that can be ascribed to its being first year of issue, part to its being a type coin (small DOLLARS).
- 220 1854 "O". Weak mintmark, die cracked twice through it. Just about Very Fine, reverse stronger than obverse. Light chips out of flan at lower r. obverse (not an impairment). Unusually clean for the grade.
Record \$95. VF in our last public sale.
- 221 1855. Traces of recutting at and near knob of last 5; large DOLLARS (first year of this type). Very Fine or better, lustrous — especially the reverse.
Only the one pair of dies. Both Neumoyer coins brought \$110.00.
- 222 1856. Very Fine to Ex. Fine, much mint frost. Attractive.
Two examples in our Fifty-Fourth sale brought \$100. each.
- 223 1856 "S". Medium S, traces of recutting above it; small break down to left from second L. Very Fine, some lustre, some traces of cleaning.
One from the same dies in our last auction brought \$115. in similar condition.
- 224 1857. Recutting on r. side of final A; striae slant down to r. Rev. Minute rust pit under top serif of D in DOLLAR; injured dies. Ex. Fine, some mint frost; reverse sharper than obv. Minor evidence of bag handling.
Records in the \$100. to \$110. range of late.
- 225 Another 1857. No recutting on A; striae nearly vertical. Rev. Same as last; dies similarly injured. Similar grade and quality.
- 226 1859. Recut 1 and 9. Just Fine, shallow obverse scratch, otherwise clean.
Commoner of two varieties; apparently 9,391 coined of this variety; 6,247 of the other (with recut 18).
- 227 1860. Fine, reverse nearer to VF but lightly scratched up. Unappreciated!
Mintage 7,119.
- 228 1861. Ex. Fine, much mint lustre; a few faint scratches.
Mintage 6,072, which probably means 6,050 regulars, 22 proofs. An inferior one in our last sale went at a moderate \$130.00.
- 229 1862. No distinct neck line. Ex. Fine, similar to last; weaker obverse strike, but without the scratches — however, with a few bag marks.
Superior to the \$135. coin in our last sale.
- 230 1863. Extremely Fine or better, bright and frosty, but much bag marked. Injured dies.
Mintage 5,000 plus 39 proofs. Records to \$130. or so for inferior examples.
- 231 1864. Recut 18. Not quite EF, but bright; a few bag marks. Quite rare!
Mintage 2,680 (or 2,650 plus 30 proofs?). Similar to one in our last sale at \$165.00.
- 232 1865. Original. Very Fine, somewhat granular, but with traces of first-strike surface. Very rare. **Plate**
Mintage 1,140 regulars. Cf. that in our last sale at \$330.00.
- 233 1866. EF to AU, much frosty brilliance, but with some plain bag marks on either side, including a couple on rims.
Mintage 4,000. Recent records around \$145.00.
- 234 1867. Just VF, obverse lightly bag marked, reverse cleaner but a trifle less sharp.
Mintage 2,600. Almost never seen better than VF; cf. our Fifty-First and Fifty-Fourth auctions.
- 235 1868. Extremely Fine, a brilliant first-strike with trifling rubbing on high spots and a few bag marks.
Mintage 4,850. Superior to Melish's.

- 236 **1869.** Recut 9. Very Fine, some first-strike lustre; very lightly bag marked. Mintage 2,500. The EF one in our last sale was bid up to \$150.00.
- 237 **1870.** A brilliant first-strike with just barely enough abrasion to take it out of the mint state class. Similar ones often sell as "Proof, not in full brilliancy." Mintage 3,500. The inferior one in our last sale brought \$130.00.
- 238 **1871.** Ex. Fine or better, much original first-strike surface and a few minute bag marks. Very rare, much more so than preceding dates except 1865. Mintage 1,300. That in our last sale went at \$160.00.
- 239 **1872.** Similar grade, possibly a trifle more rubbed on curls; weakly struck at wreath below bows. Far above average for this date. Mintage 2,000.
- 240 **1874.** Very Fine, fairly clean. Usual run of the mint.
- 241 **1877.** Very Fine, cleaned. RR and now achieving its due appreciation. **Plate** Mintage 1,468. The EF one in our Fifty-First sale brought \$260.00. None in Neumoyer or other recent auctions.
- 242 **1878.** Low date; crossbar of A in STATES recut. Marked "Ex-Proof?", this piece is AU with an extremely deceptive surface; dies obviously highly polished. However, weakly struck up on lowest curl and below knot. Lint mark behind head.
- 243 **1878.** Centered date, with **part of another digit within upper loop of second 8; OVERDATE?** A in STATES normal. Extra brilliant "gem" Unc., a frosty beauty; usual strike — not well up on curls or below knot (characteristic of threes of this period). Worth \$160. or more so fine.
- 244 **1879.** Extremely Fine, plus; surfaces much like those on the 1870, 71 and first 78. Early die state. Also marked "Ex-Prf.?". Mintage 3,000 regulars, 30 proofs.
- 245 **Another 1879.** Later state of the same dies, with a cluster of tiny rust pits on neck. Ex. Fine, brilliant and frosty, but with several light reverse scratches.
- 246 **1880.** Ex. Fine, reverse sharper than obverse; early strike from dies retaining polish. Fairly clean; some rather attractive reddish toning. Very rare and valuable! Mintage only 1,000 regulars.

The Uncommonly Rare 1881 Three Dollars

- 247 **1881.** Very Fine, clean and bold. Seldom seen finer, and practically unobtainable in or near mint state. Worth a record price! **Plate** Mintage 500 regulars, which is the lowest quantity struck in any year for circulation. The miserable cleaned example in our last auction went for \$235.; this one should be worth far, far more.
- 248 **1882.** Numeral 2 first cut far too high, then corrected. A brilliant first-strike with minimal, trivial signs of handling, mostly on reverse, and the faintest touch of rubbing on curls and feathers. Mintage 1,464. The similar specimen from these dies in our last sale brought \$155.00.
- 249 **1883.** Extremely Fine plus, splendid prooflike first-strike; a good match for the 1870, 71 and first 78, but worth a good deal more than any of those. Mintage only 900 regulars. Records to \$175. VF.
- 250 **1885.** Very Fine or so, reverse much sharper than obverse; fairly clean, some red toning. RR. Mintage only 800 regulars. Records recently of \$190. to \$195. for sharper ones.
- 251 **1886.** Ex. Fine or better; exactly like the 1871 — the reverse particularly deceptive. Mintage 1,000 regulars. Records to \$185. for top flight examples.
- 252 **1888.** This is an authentic **Proof** which got into circulation long enough to acquire some field dullness and a few minute handling marks. The characteristic border and edge are still present. Only 291 proofs minted.
- 253 **1888.** Tops of UNITED recut. Brilliant, choice Unc. Pleasing original frost; a few bag marks and some border tarnish, but these do not make this piece less attractive. Mintage 5,000. Neumoyer's similar one brought \$150.00.
- 254 **Another 1888.** From the same dies, a minute rub on curls, otherwise this too would qualify as Uncirculated. Similar quality to last, but untarnished.

- 255 **1889.** Last year. Ex. Fine, bag marked, but with much original mint surface. Minor edge tarnish as on lot 253. Less popular than it deserves to be. Mintage 2,300.

The Extremely Rare 1796 Quarter Eagle with Stars

- 256 **1796. Stars 8 + 8.** Adams 2; Clapp 2; Newcomer 673. Possibly **R-7**. Just Very Fine, somewhat granular and with obvious signs of bag handling. Potentially a \$3,000. coin; **THE ONLY YEAR WITH STARS SO ARRANGED. Plate**
Mintage a trivially low 432. We have only two recent records of public sale of this type: Gaskill's (originally from the J. S. Jenks collection), EF, in our Forty-Eighth offering, and the slightly nicer Melish coin. If the VF piece without stars (of which 963 were minted) is worth the \$2,400. to which it was bid in the Neumoyer sale, then what is the present variety, more than twice as rare, really worth?
- 257 **1798. Wide date, five berries.** A-2; C-2; N-676. High **R-7**, nearly **R-8**; cf. our Forty-Eighth and Forty-Ninth sales. Fine, clean and bold. Worth a record price! **Plate**
Mintage 2,612 in all. Regular ones have been bringing \$510. to \$535. VF. the (impaired) 1804 with thirteen stars in the Neumoyer sale was worth \$620., what is the present coin worth, considering that it is almost exactly three times as rare? The collector who "will wait for a nicer one" may have a long wait in this instance.
- 258 **1802.** No trace of overdate. Not in Adams, Clapp or Newcomer; the variety described as lot 183 of the Gaskill collection (our Forty-Eighth auction). **R-7?** Very Fine, bold, but gone over in fields, possibly to minimize or remove nicks or cuts. **Plate**
Mintage 2,612 in all. Regular ones have been bringing \$510. to \$535. VF.
- 259 **1804. Thirteen reverse stars.** A-2; C-2; N-681. Probably **R-7**. Very Fine, clean; reverse weakly struck, apparently as always on this type. The thirteen stars coin has been a major sleeper apparently ever since the difference was discovered. The present one is, if anything, nicer than the Gaskill example, which is the only other one we have handled. **Plate**
Mintage 1,003 of this type. The Neumoyer collection had one of these, impaired, which (though not catalogued as a 13-star coin) was bid up to \$620. on the floor; there were three of the 14-star variety in that collection. This variety was altogether lacking in such important collections as W. G. C., Atwater, Memorable, Dr. Green, Graves, Dr. Smith, and Melish, among many others. *One of the high points of this auction!*
- 260 **1805.** Only the one variety; N-682. **R-5**. Very Fine or better, traces of original lustre; some light adjustment marks in center of obverse. **Plate**
Mintage 1,781. Finer than Gaskill's; almost equal to the two Neumoyer coins, which brought \$500. and \$540.00.
- 261 **1806/4.** A-1; C-1; N-683. Low **R-6**. Very Fine or better, very bright and lustrous; a small cluster of tiny obverse bag marks, some adjustment marks in center of reverse, several infinitesimal rim nicks. The usual blunt strike. Worth a good deal more than last. **Plate**
Mintage of this type, 1,136. Gaskill's was similar, and Neumoyer had none.
- 262 **1827.** Only the one variety; N-693. Low **R-5**. Very Fine, lustrous, clean and for the grade choice. **Plate**
Mintage 2,800, many doubtless melted. Finer than that in our Forty-Ninth sale. None in Neumoyer.
- 263 **1829.** Only the one variety; N-694. Formerly a Proof, this piece (from the earliest die state) is now somewhere between EF and AU. Somewhat abraded and with a minute rim nick near 10th star, it is still highly attractive. **Plate**
Cf. our Forty-Ninth sale. The only other proofs and ex-proofs we know are Eliasberg's, W. G. C.-Memorable, "Lee" — our Forty-Ninth (impaired), Menjou (impaired), Winsor-Gaskill (impaired).
- 264 Another 1829. About Unc., or better, reverse especially frosty; clean, virtually free of defect. Slightly softly struck in centers. Obverse die retains polish, even though this is from a later die state than preceding. **Plate**
Mintage 3,403, many melted. That in our Fifty-Fourth sale, EF and cleaned, went at \$340.; this one is far, far finer than Neumoyer's at \$360.00.
- 265 **1832.** Only the one variety; N-697. Fine or better; periphery suggests a VF grade, but centers are weak. **Plate**
Mintage 4,400, many melted. Neumoyer's, unattractively cleaned, sold at \$370.00.
- 266 **1834.** New type, no motto; small head. A-4; C-2; N-700. Formerly a Proof, now Ex. Fine, retaining some traces of original surface.
- 267 Another 1834. Same dies; reverse recuttings now mostly worn off die. Extremely Fine or so.

- 268 A third, from a still later state of the same dies; cracked from edge to wing tip. Ex. Fine or thereabouts, lustrous.
- 269 1836. Head of '35; die of lot 856, our Fifty-Fourth sale, and cracked the same. Brilliant, choice **Uncirculated**; beautifully frosty. Weak in centers (especially on obverse), this weakness probably related to the die failure, and possibly responsible for successive type changes. Very rare, only the second one seen. The other one went for \$32. EF.
- 270 1837. A-2; C-2. Die of lot 209, our Forty-Eighth sale. Crack from 9th star down into hair past Y. Very Fine or better, clean. First of only two varieties of the year.
- 271 1838. A-1; C-1; N-710. Very Fine, touches of lustre, a few minute handling marks.
- 272 1838 "**C**". Only one variety. Obverse better than VF, reverse a little short of that grade and weak in center; heavy double obverse border. Rare and popular. Plate
Mintage 7,880.
- 273 1839/8 "**C**". Reverse different from last, with detached leaves, no berry, and arrows merging into CA. Very Fine, minor signs of handling; planchet slightly defective on cheek. Better struck than last; normal borders.
Probably one of the 4,868 of May 1839, not one of the 5,892 struck March 16 (those have the 1838 reverse) or the 7,413 of later months (those have normal date); for the latter, see lot 930 this sale.
- 274 1839 "**O**". First variety (as in our Eliasberg offering, lot 586). * Very Fine to Ex. Fine, faint touches of lustre; tiny dig in obv. field, sharply struck except at bottom of reverse. Inordinately popular, as are all of the "Mintmark upon obverse" half and quarter eagles.
*High curved date; no berry, small arrows, widely spaced 1/2. Die cracked from large 2 to leaf to IT. The other variety has low straight date, a small detached berry, large arrows and closely spaced 1/2; reverse shattered. It was lot 587, our Forty-Ninth sale, and is rarer. Only two pairs of dies made, both sent to New Orleans March 14, 1839.
- 275 1840 "**C**". Coronet head. Just Very Fine, fairly well struck. Minor bag marks. Mintage 12,822.
- 276 1843 "**C**". Large date, recut 3. Very Fine, obverse stronger than reverse; a few rim and field handling marks, none of them serious.
- 277 1843 "**D**". Small date and mintmark; break from first S to wing. Very Fine or better, traces of lustre; usual strike, weak at centers, especially on reverse. Much cleaner than the last few lots.
The one in our last sale went at \$52.50.
- 278 1843 "**O**". Small date, small thin weak stars. Rev. Large recut mintmark. Similar grade to last, though more lustrous and better struck; clean, nice. Reuter's brought all of \$66.00.
- 279 1845. As last, but for minor abrasions; some removable dirt.
Obv. Normal date; crack through 3rd and 5th stars. Rev. Cracked from claw to large 2, and from arrowhead to adjacent dot.
- 280 1845 "**D**". Very Fine, traces of lustre; the usual strike. In overall quality somewhat like lot 277. The R. S. Brown example, not quite as nice, brought \$45.00.
- 281 1846 "**D**". As last, but less lustre, and a few faint scratches. Worth nearly as much as the '45 "**D**".
- 282 1847. Normal date. Very Fine, bold, fairly clean.
Also known with 18 recut.
- 283 1848 "**C**". Mintmark far to right of usual position; here above small 2 and D, covering nearly entire thickness of stem. Crack, edge to wing tip. Fine to Very Fine; bold.
The Stack-Straus piece, more or less VF, went up to \$46.00.
- 284 1848 "**D**". Very Fine, some original first-strike surface; above average impression. Nice, despite a few rim and other handling marks.
That in our last sale brought \$65.00.
- 285 1849 "**C**". Mintmark gripped between claw and feather end, above numerator. Very Fine, fairly well struck; some lustre in fields.
Mintage 10,220. The Stack-Straus example went reasonably at \$44.00.
- 286 1850 "**C**". Reverse identical to last. Very Fine, nearly as bright as the '49 "**C**", a little more bag marked.
Mintage 9,148. The Stack-Straus piece sold for a low \$40., in 1959.

- 287 **1850 "D"**. Very Fine, fairly decent strike; clean, save for a small cluster of bag marks near 3rd star.
Mintage 12,148. Records to \$50.00.
- 288 **1852 "C"**. Mintmark held between fraction bar and numerator and feather. Very Fine, the usual strike; some granularity and a few obverse bag marks.
Mintage 9,772. The Stack-Straus specimen brought \$51.00.
- 289 **1852 "D"**. Seemingly Fine in sharpness, but the surface demands a grade of at least VF—the difference evidently from weak striking. Obverse somewhat granular but the bag marks producing this effect are too tiny and too numerous to warrant detailed description. Very rare. Plate
Mintage 4,078. The R. S. Brown piece, of comparable quality, went for \$140.00.

The Extremely Rare 1853 "D" Quarter Eagle

- 290 **1853 "D"**. Apparently from the same reverse die as last, part of feather showing within mintmark. Very Fine or better, surfaces suggesting EF; a little better than average strike. A few hardly noticeable signs of handling, but the general effect is that of a clean coin without impairments worth comment; somewhat odd, hard to describe toning. RRR. Plate
Mintage 3,178. The somewhat sharper Brown example sold at \$240. on a higher bid.
- 291 **1854**. Faint cracks through base of date and most stars. Obtained as Brilliant Unc., this coin has completely convincing surfaces, but enough evidence of mint abrasion to compromise the grade slightly. A beauty, however one grades it. Decidedly uncommon so.
- 292 **1856 "C"**. Very Fine, bright and lustrous; fairly bold strike. A couple of light reverse scratches, of no consequence.
Mintage 7,913.

The Exceedingly Rare 1856 "D" Quarter Eagle

- 293 **1856 "D"**. Really VF, bright and with faint traces of mint lustre around some stars and letters; usual strike or worse, eagle's head and centers somewhat indefinite, periphery much sharper. Minute rim nick above r. foot of A in STATES, no other noticeable impairment. A mintmark of great importance in the quarter eagle series! Plate
Mintage 874. The last record seems to have been the Brown piece, F-VF, at \$500.00.
- 294 **1856 "O"**. Mintmark partly concealed behind feather. Very Fine plus, much mint lustre; fairly clean.
Mintage 21,100.
- 295 **1857**. Not quite perfect Unc. Exactly like the 1854 in grade, if anything a trifle better in quality. Finer than Neumoyer's at \$38.00.
- 296 **1858 "C"**. VF, bright; planchet with several rough patches as made. Appreciable first-strike surface; no blemishes worth describing.
Mintage 9,056.
- 297 **1859**. Ex. Fine, lustrous, fairly clean; obverse sharper than reverse. Nice.
Mintage 39,444. Melish's, not entirely flawless, brought \$45.00.

The Very Rare 1859 "D" Quarter Eagle

- 298 **1859 "D"**. VF or better, possibly EF for coin. Brilliant, with considerable first-strike surface, but the usual impression, weak in centers; exceptionally clean. Worth a record price! Plate
Mintage 2,244. The similar Stack-Straus piece brought a modest \$150.00.
- 299 **1860 "C"**. Same reverse die as the 1858 "C". Strictly Very Fine. Rare.
Mintage 7,469.
- 300 **1866**. Very Fine average. Very rare, none in Melish or many other collections.
Mintage 3,750 regulars.
- 301 **1866 "S"**. Very Fine. Somewhat granular but without notable handling marks.
Mintage 38,960 but somewhat scarcer than that would imply.
- 302 **1867**. Very Fine, much like the 1866; a few pinpoint reverse nicks, none serious.
Mintage 3,200 regulars.
- 303 **1868**. Rust pits on neck. Obtained as AU, this coin is EF, with considerable original first-strike gloss. Likewise rare.
Mintage 3,600. Nicer than Pelletreau's at \$66.; that in our last sale brought \$65.00.
- 304 Another 1868. From the same dies. Very Fine average, obverse stronger than reverse. Faint obv. scratches, minor bag marks.

- 305 **1869.** VF to EF, somewhat like the first 1868. Above average, but not completely free of signs of handling. Also rare.
Mintage 4,320. The Stack-Straus piece went for \$41.00.
- 306 **1869 "S".** Very Fine, clean, some lustre; not well struck up in centers.
- 307 **1870.** About EF, a first-strike like the preceding Philadelphia coins; minute bag marks, a small rim nick above first A in AMERICA.
Mintage 4,520.
- 308 **1871.** Very Fine, bright; lightly scratched and bag marked. Similar to Melish's.
Mintage 5,320.
- 309 **1871 "S".** VF, some lustre; in overall quality somewhat nicer than preceding.
Mintage 22,000.
- 310 **1872 "S".** Just VF, flatter strike than last. Decidedly uncommon.
Mintage 18,000.
- 311 **1873 "S".** Closed 3. Very Fine average.
Mintage 27,000.
- 312 **1874.** EF, likewise a first-strike; lightly bag marked, the only noticeable nick upon the reverse at C. Attractive, and only now beginning to be appreciated.
Mintage 3,920 regulars. Record \$52.50 in our last sale. For the 1875, see lot 952.
- 313 **1876.** VF to EF, rather weakly struck; surfaces as on preceding, but less signs of abrasion.
Mintage 4,176. Records above \$40. in VF.
- 314 **1876 "S".** About EF for coin, possibly better; much brilliance, comparatively clean. About the usual strike, but reverse stronger than usual.
Mintage 5,000. Reverse on this mintmark always weak. A slightly nicer one in our Fifty-Fourth sale brought \$48.00.
- 315 **1877 "S".** VF to EF, bright, lustrous; bag marked, noticeably but not seriously.
- 316 **1879.** EF, bright, with nearly full original mint frost; clean, save for a few light obv. scratches. Varicolored toning near borders.
- 317 **1880.** Extremely Fine. Lightly bag marked; nearly full original first-strike surface. Uncommonly rare.
Mintage 2,960.

The Extremely Rare 1881 Quarter Eagle

- 318 **1881.** Like the last, a bit more brilliant if anything. Exceptionally desirable; we have not handled a FINER non-proof in recent memory. Worth a very good price! **Plate**
Mintage 640.
- 319 **1882.** Ex. Fine, retaining some original lustre. Rarer than commonly believed.
Mintage 4,000. This compares well with the example in our last sale at \$60.00.
- 320 **Another 1882.** Same dies (recutting at TE of UNITED). VF or better, some light scratches.
- 321 **1884.** Very Fine, some traces of original first-strike surface. One rim nick, a few field marks. Very rare and undervalued.
Mintage 1,950. Neumoyer's mint state one brought \$92.50, and his VF \$65.00.
- 322 **1885.** Extremely Fine or better; highly brilliant and retaining most of its original prooflike surface. Though bag marked, this was and is a highly deceptive coin. **Extremely rare. Plate**
Mintage only 800. We know only one finer non-proof — Straus's, more or less Unc., which sold in the 1959 Metropolitan Convention auction for \$200.00.
- 323 **1886.** EF to AU, almost fully lustrous; a tiny cluster of bag marks on rim near 6th star, and a few other minute marks in fields. Exactly as rare as the 1882.
Mintage 4,000.
- 324 **1887.** Extremely Fine. Like the 1880, though with some minute rim nicks.
Mintage 6,160.
- 325 **1888.** Seemingly brilliant Unc., this coin under a glass discloses microscopic traces of rubbing on the highest points. Clean, desirable.
Record \$31. for the Pelletreau coin.
- 326 **1889.** Ex. Fine or better, brilliant; fewer bag marks than usual, the only noticeable rubbing being on chin and a few curls.
- 327 **1890.** Ex. Fine, some lustre, a few bag marks. Rarer than commonly supposed.
Mintage 8,720.
- 328 **Another 1890.** From the same dies. Also Ex. Fine. Brighter than last, the obverse lightly scratched.

- 329 A third, also from the same dies. Similar grade, much first-strike surface, but bag marked.
- 330 1891. OF AMERICA heavily recut. Better than AU; very brilliant but bag marked.
- 331 Another 1891. From the same dies. VF - EF, lightly scratched.
- 332 A third, also from the same dies. Better than VF; bag marked, not seriously.

Very Rare "Gem" Proof 1892 Quarter Eagle

- 333 1892. Brilliant, splendid **Proof**. A few minute and trivial hairlines away from perfection. Truly magnificent! Will bring a solid three figure price. **Plate**
Only 105 struck. The last one we recall was Melish's, at \$105., over four years ago. We do not call toning or lint marks impairment, since the former often enhances a coin's beauty, and the latter still represents a problem at the Mint.
- 334 Another 1892. Highly deceptive "gem" first-strike. Minute chip out of flan r. of date. Really just about Superb. Rare, and in this preservation, highly valuable!
Mintage 2,440. Different dies from last. On the proof, a denticle is cut away below left base of 1 in date, which digit would otherwise touch near center. On the business strike, numeral 1 almost touches left corner of a denticle. Pelletreau's EF example brought \$78., only a hint of the potential of the present one.
- 335 1893. Very Fine average.
- 336 1894. Ex. Fine, brilliant but lightly bag marked. Quite rare.
Mintage 4,000.
- 337 Another 1894. From the same dies. Similar, toned; lightly scratched.

Desirable 1895 Proof Quarter Eagle

- 338 1895. Brilliant **Proof**. Very slightly hairlined; separated from perfection in addition by several minute field marks where another coin dropped on it. Nevertheless very rare and desirable. **Plate**
Mintage 119 proofs.
- 339 1896. Ex. Fine, lustrous. With a few minor bag marks.
- 340 1897. Ex. Fine average; very lustrous, with some rim and other marks.
- 341 1898. Brilliant Unc., a couple of minute bag marks away from Superb. Faint reverse die crack from left corner of U to dot and towards claw.
- 342 Duplicate 1898. From the same dies and cracked the same. Ex. Fine plus, lustrous.
- 343 A third 1898. Same dies, same crack. VF to EF.
- 344 1899. Ex. Fine, brightly lustrous; bag marked, though not seriously.
- 345 1900. Brilliant **Proof**. A few, faint, hair-thin pin scratches on obverse, otherwise almost FDC like the 1892. A little beauty, in spite of our careful description. **Plate**
Mintage 205 proofs. Landau's "gem" brought \$105.; one in our last sale, also hardly perfect, went at \$110. to a dealer.
- 346 1900. Brilliant Uncirculated. Some odd border tarnish; reverse rim nicked up.
- 347 1901. About Unc., almost full lustre, almost minimal bag marks.
- 348 1902. Uncirculated. Somewhat subdued brilliance, clean and nice; two hidden border nicks, so faint as to be hardly worth mentioning.
- 349 1903. Brilliant Unc., usual quota of bag marks.
- 350 1904. A thin hair's breadth from Unc., brilliant.
- 351 1905. Bright, glittering "gem" **Proof**. In a class with the 1892 in quality, and nearly as rare. **Plate**
Mintage 144 proofs.
- 352 Another 1905 **Proof**, from the same dies. Regrettably, this one shows minor signs of handling.
- 353 1905. Regular issue. Ex. Fine or better, brilliant; fairly clean though not completely free of handling marks.
- 354 1906. Practically Unc., fully lustrous; would be full Mint State but for a few hairline scratches.
- 355 1907. Brilliant **Proof**. Unfortunately, like the second 1905, this piece displays signs of handling; overall quality similar to that one. As the popular final year, and as a really nice coin, it should still bring a good price. **Plate**
Mintage 154 proofs. The last one we handled, in our Fifty-Fourth sale, brought \$215., and went to a dealer.

- 356 1907. Regular issue. Brilliant, choice Uncirculated. Not quite "gem" grade but not far from it.
- 357 Another 1907. Ex. Fine to About Unc., attractive.
- 358 1908. Pratt's Indian Head design. AU obv., Ex. Fine plus reverse; almost complete original frost. A few bag marks, none serious. From a distance this would pass for Mint State.
- 359 1914. VF to EF. One of the scarcer Indians.
Mintage 240,000. This is the lowest Philadelphia mintage for the type, and the second lowest of all (the lowest being of course 1911 "D").
- 360 Another 1914. Very Fine average. This date is steadily rising in value.
- 361 1925 "D". Brilliant Unc., minor signs of a sojourn in a bag.

Gold Dollars

- 362 1849. Type I: Small head, no L; open wreath. Better than Ex. Fine, brilliant; obverse with a few light scratches, reverse superior.
Mintage only 1,000. Specimens of this quality have been selling at \$40. to \$65.00.
- 363 1849. Type II: Small head, with L on truncation; open wreath. Ex. Fine, comparatively clean. Scarce.
Obv. Star below bust point points to r. (lower) part of a denticle and is away from it. Rev. Normal date, not recut; wreath thin and delicate. Base of R in DOLLAR distinctly below A.
- 364 Another 1849 Type II. Different dies from last.* Very Fine or better, but minor edge damage (not from looping or anything similar) on upper obv., an obvious field scratch on either side. Scarce.
*Obv. Heavy stars, that at 5 o'clock recut and showing three extra points; that below bust point nearly touches left (upper) part of a denticle. Rev. Wreath strongly cut; AR in line; bases of 18 recut. Die of Melish 1696.
- 365 1849. Type III: Large head, with L; open wreath. Brilliant Uncirculated, or the thinnest hair's breadth away; fully lustrous and sharp, a few field hairlines. Faint reverse crack from I in UNITED to wreath, through DOLL, and curving down to 9 and adjacent berry.
- 366 1849. Type IV: Obverse as last; closed wreath. Obv. Thin, weakly cut stars. Rev. Very light numerals, with faint recutting; 8 clear. Fine obv., VF reverse; several minute rim nicks. Rare, far fewer seen of this than of the following.
- 367 Another Closed Wreath. Obv. Heavy stars. Rev. Heavily and rather indistinctly recut date; the 8 filled. Very Fine, some removable dirt. The usual variety of this type.
- 368 1849 "O". Open wreath, corresponding to Type III above. VF, reverse much stronger than obverse; some lustre. A few small nicks, one or two of them on reverse rim.
- 369 1850. Extremely Fine. Bright and highly lustrous; mostly clean.
- 370 1851. Better than AU; probably was never in circulation, but a mediocre strike with some mint abrasions. Brilliant and frosty.
Normal stars and wreath, differing from both varieties in our Fifty-Fourth sale.
- 371 1851 "C". Dies of lot 930, our Fifty-Fourth sale.* Very Fine or better, somewhat greenish gold. A couple of minute rim nicks. Very scarce.
*Heavy recut stars; perfect mintmark, recut wreath. Late die state, outlines of head in wreath faded; break at tops of OF AM. The piece in our Fifty-Fourth sale was a trifle better and brought \$60.00.
- 372 1852. Thin date. Better than EF, brilliant; some minor chips out of planchet as made (not an impairment), a number of mint abrasions.
- 373 1852 "O". Similar grade; if anything, even more brilliant. Several minor rim nicks. Obverse die cracked vertically through star down into head.
- 374 1853. Brilliant, choice Uncirculated. Curious orange to chestnut obverse stains.
- 375 1853 "C". Better than VF, very bold. Planchet very defective as made, splitting near borders, especially at upper obverse. A few bag marks, none really damaging. Rare.
Mintage 11,515.
- 376 1853 "O". Better than Very Fine. Lustrous and bright, especially the reverse.
- 377 1854. Normal date. Brilliant Unc., a frosty little beauty.

- 378 Another 1854. Almost as nice as last; light rim nick, faint trace of rub on some curls, but fully brilliant.
Recut base of 5; break from lower left border to numeral 1 to OL to left side of denomination to second T in STATES and border. This is the variety copied by the Milanese fakers, and therefore valuable for comparison purposes; this specimen genuine, of course.
- 379 **1854 "S"**. Very Fine average, fairly bold. Rub mark, possibly from a touchstone, on reverse edge. Desirable and a type coin — the only small size gold dollar from San Francisco.
- 380 **Small, narrow Indian Princess Head design: Type 2. 1854. Ex. Fine, highly lustrous; light obv. field scratch.**
Thin obverse letters; severely rusted obv. die. Rev. Date begins high, slants down noticeably but not markedly to r. Differs from the four varieties in our last sale.
- 381 Another 1854. Similar. Ex. Fine, lustrous; minor bag marks.
Heavy obverse letters (rare). Not represented in our Fifty-Fourth sale; very seldom seen in any condition.
- 382 **1855. UN triple cut, remaining letters normal. Ex. Fine or so, lustrous; 8 weak as usual but visible.**
- 383 **1855 "O"**. Similar grade to last, brighter if anything but not as boldly struck. Attractive and a type coin — the only Type 2 gold dollar from New Orleans.
- 384 **Large Indian Princess Head design: Type 3. 1856. Upright 5. Very Fine, lustrous, rather flatly struck; no serious blemishes. Very scarce.**
Mintage 33,660 in all. Corresponds to the second variety in our Fifty-Fourth sale, lots 946-7.
- 385 **1856. Slanting 5. Heavy 6 as usual. Extra brilliant Uncirculated. Frosty and clean, but weakly and unevenly struck. Attractive.**
- 386 **1857. Without recutting on ICA or die cracks. Identical to last in grade and quality.**
- 387 **1857 "C"**. Better than EF for coin; lustrous and an unusually bold strike for this mint. No notable blemishes; planchet granular, mainly at borders.
Mintage 13,280.
- 388 **1857 "D"**. VF to EF, sharper than usual for Dahlonega gold dollars, especially the obverse. Clean, save for a minute obv. rim nick and a horizontal pin scratch across upper rev. **Plate**
Mintage 3,533. The R. S. Brown coin, only Fine, sold at \$120. This should be worth a great deal more now.
- 389 **1859. Close to AU, brilliantly lustrous; clean save for minor hairlines.**
Low date, the 5 less than its knob's width away from bow. Leaves l. and r. of date normal.
- 390 Another 1859. About EF, lustrous, traces of cleaning. This date is far from common.
High date, well above center of space between OLLA and bow. Leaf left of date heavily recut, as is bow.
- 391 **1859 "S"**. Obv. EF, rev. nearer to AU; perfect mintmark. Bright, highly lustrous; traces of cleaning here and there, several light scratches. Marked \$65., potentially worth more.
Mintage 15,000. None in Dunham or Kern; only two others on record that might equal this — Menjou's, "AU with 2 tiny rev. edge nicks," and Baldenhofer's, "AU". All others have been notably worse. Wilson's brought \$60., that in our Fifty-Fourth sale, \$45. on a \$51. limit.
- 392 **1860. VF or better, sharp and mostly clean. Decidedly uncommon.**
Mintage 36,668.

The Exceedingly Rare 1860 "D" Gold Dollar

- 393 **1860 "D"**. Seemingly VF, but with some original mint brilliance; a couple of trivial bag marks, otherwise exceptionally clean. U in UNITED weak as always; weak borders, bluntly struck on curls, tips of feathers and parts of wreath, these features being characteristic of genuine 1860 "D" dollars. A highly creditable example of this coveted mintmark, which has already been called a four-figure coin. The last Dahlonega gold dollar issued under United States authority. **Plate**
Mintage 1,566, but very few are known. Only one specimen has been publicly offered, to our knowledge, in the last year or two; that was the vastly inferior Rives S. Brown coin. There is no point in quoting older auction records or enumerating the collections lacking this mintmark; collectors need no further prompting on this one.

- 394 1861. Technically Unc. Possibly cleaned, but fully sharp; struck from heavily injured and rather sloppily polished dies (thousands of striae on both sides). Reverse "upset" (180° away from normal); unusual. An exceptionally clear example of "blanked" dies.
This coin has DOLLAR recut and reversed LIBERTY showing twice left of denomination.
- 395 1862. Brilliant Unc., very lightly bag marked.
- 396 1865. Original. Brilliant "gem" Uncirculated. An early strike from dies which (though injured) retain polish. Lint mark on chin; small chip out of flan at first L. Worth a solid three figures. **Plate**
Mintage 3,700, but rarer than some later dates with lower mintages.
- 397 1866. Brilliant **Proof**. Faintly hairlined, but without impairment. A lovely coin. **Plate**
Mintage 30 proofs. First we have seen in quite a number of years.
- 398 1867. Better than Ex. Fine, faintly granular, faintly bag marked; striae as on the 1861 and 1865. Very attractive and rare.
Mintage 5,200 regulars. Melish's slept at a low \$45.00.
- 399 1868. Very Fine plus, some traces of original first-strike surface; granular and with some minor nicks, mostly on rims. Should realize \$55.00.
- 400 1869. Ex. Fine or so, likewise a first-strike; bright, overall quality a little better than last.
Mintage 5,900 regulars.
- 401 1870. Not quite EF obv., VF rev. Lustrous; a couple of little clusters of bag marks, the most noticeable being under nose.
Mintage 6,300. The similar one in our last sale brought a moderate \$46.00.

The Rarest San Francisco Mint Gold Dollar

- 402 1870 "S". Ex. Fine to About Unc. Bright and lustrous; clean, with only the most minute signs of handling. Less than two dozen specimens known. Lately quoted around \$300. in this preservation. **Plate**
Mintage 3,000. This rarity has not advanced in price within recent years, and is thus undervalued. Dealer Kosoff mentioned \$300. records in his catalogue of the Melish collection, four years ago.
- 403 1871. Magnificent first-strike, just about Superb. As fine as one could imagine. Interesting rosy toning.
Mintage 3,900. Therefore of equal rarity to the 1877; if anything, seen a bit less often. Far finer than the Stack-Straus example at \$77.50.
- 404 1873. Open 3, with LIBERTY on coronet. Date to r., toe of L over center of 8. Ex. Fine, much first-strike surface; fairly clean.
- 405 Another 1873. Open 3, without LIBERTY. Date to left, toe of L over r. curve of 8; 1 in date faintly recut at bottom left. As last, more sharply struck if anything.
- 406 1874. Without LIBERTY. Low date to left, base of 1 lightly recut, left edge of 7 to left of L above. Brilliant Unc., but noticeably bag marked and nicked; a rather mediocre strike.
- 407 1874. With LIBERTY. Higher date, about centered between OLLA and bow; left edge of 7 in line with l. corner of 7 above. AU, brilliant; rev. nicer than obv. and nearer to Mint State.
- 408 1876. A brilliant first-strike, but somewhat nicked up and bag marked. Records to \$82.50 for similar first-strikes of this date.
Mintage 3,200. Apparently different dies from lot 975, our Fifty-Fourth sale; no recutting on legend, date slants up a bit to r.
- 409 1877. Another first-strike, this one hard to grade, but at most a hair's breadth from Mint State. Obverse with signs of handling in fields, too fine to be called bag marks; reverse particularly brilliant, somewhat granular as made. Worth at least as much as Wilson's at \$60.00.
Mintage 3,900.
- 410 1878. Final 8 filled; die of lot 978, our Fifty-Fourth sale. Identical grade and quality to the latter; slightly nicer looking than the last lot, despite the faintest touch of what might be rubbing on head. A bright, highly desirable first-strike.
Mintage 3,000. The one in our last sale brought \$59.00.

- 411 **1879.** Brilliant Uncirculated. Rather weakly and flatly struck, but completely clean. Later state of dies of the one in our last sale, and a superior coin. Mintage 3,000. Melish's exceeded its estimate. The similar Stack-Straus example brought \$55.00.
- 412 **1881.** An extremely brilliant first-strike, exceedingly deceptive. A few minute bag marks short of Superb. Mintage 7,620. Records to \$45., but they are very likely to be exceeded here.
- 413 **1882.** Brilliant and choice, though minutely hairmarked, first-strike. Mintage 5,000. Worth about as much as last.
- 414 Another 1882. From the same dies. Brilliant Unc., nice though hardly a "gem." These low coinage dates will never be cheaper!
- 415 1883. Better than EF, lustrous, but scratched up. Not as bad as it sounds!
- 416 **1884.** Exceedingly deceptive, just about Superb, first-strike with wire edge. This is one of those coins that can drive a conservative cataloguer mad, and which could readily be resold as a proof by the unscrupulous. Mintage 6,200. Cf. our Fifty-First sale, lot 813.
- 417 1885. About Unc. or better, a brilliant early strike, lightly bag marked; would readily pass as uncirculated from a distance. Neumoyer's similar one brought \$55.00.
- 418 **1886.** Another exceedingly deceptive first-strike; of identical quality to the 1884, and equally dangerous; same comments. Mintage 5,000 plus 1,016 proofs. Normal date; leaf left of date normal.
- 419 1886. Slightly hairlined but still highly deceptive first-strike. Worth a good price! Recut 6, filled up and slightly defective, from what seems to have been first cutting low and correction.
- 420 **1887.** Bright, Extremely Fine; lightly bag marked, still attractive. Mintage 7,500.
- 421 1888. DOLLAR lightly recut (cf. lot 990, our Fifty-Fourth sale). Uncirculated, choice though hardly a "gem."
- 422 Another 1888. DOLLAR perfect. Brilliant, frosty Unc., and would be a "gem" save for a V scratch r. of wreath. Still a \$50. coin, the defect hardly serious.
- 423 1889. Last year. Brilliant Unc., a few mint abrasions away from "gem" quality. Apparently a later state of the dies of lot 994, our Fifty-Fourth sale.
- 424 **Commemorative Gold. 1904.** Lewis & Clark Exposition Dollar. Brilliant, choice Unc. About as well struck as this rarity comes, which isn't saying much. For the 1903 dollar (Jefferson), see lot 1305.
- 425 **1905.** Lewis & Clark Exposition Dollar. Similar grade, somewhat hairlined. Equally rare as last. Another example is lot 1306.
- 426 1915 "S". Panama-Pacific Dollar. Brilliant Unc., choice.
- 427 1916. McKinley Memorial Dollar. Brilliant Unc., obverse with a few minute bag marks, reverse an absolute "gem."
- 428 1917. McKinley Memorial Dollar. Brilliant, choice Unc. As nice as these come!
- 429 1922. Grant Memorial Dollar. With star. Brilliant, "gem" Unc. As sharply struck as this is found.
- 430 1922. Grant Memorial Dollar. **No star.** Brilliant, choice Unc.
- 431 1926. Sesquicentennial Quarter Eagle. Brilliant, frosty Unc., splendid.

The Extremely Rare and Valuable 1852 Pattern Ring Dollar in Gold

- 432 **1852.** Ring Dollar. Obv. Legend and date around ornamented circle. Rev. DOLLAR above wreath. **Original.** Brilliant "gem" Proof. Judd 145; type of Adams-Woodin 159-160. Extremely rare and seldom offered; no sales record recent enough to mean anything. Listed in the Judd book at \$400., but this is (like most figures there) an ultraconservative dealer's buying price. Potentially a four figure coin! **Plate**
 These were not given out to the public, only having been struck briefly in the spring of 1852 to show the best that could be done with annular coins. The design here offered is the final version, others (Judd 136, 137, 141) being more primitive attempts in this direction. It is doubtful if as many as six originals exist. Restrikes in base metal are extant, but we have seen none in gold.

COINS OF THE UNITED STATES PROVISIONAL MINT AT SAN FRANCISCO

- 433 1851. Fifty Dollars. AUGUSTUS HUMBERT, etc., around obverse border. 880 THOUS. on scroll; medium target center on reverse. Reeded edge. Adams 14; Part II, p. 54. Very Fine for coin, some traces of lustre; weak at borders as usual, but without any serious rim bumps; unusually choice, therefore. Worth a good price! **Plate**
- 434 1852. Fifty Dollars. UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE, etc., around obverse border. 887 THOUS. on scroll; slightly different target center on reverse. Reeded edge. Adams 19; P-II, p. 56. Late die state, like the former, with break over O in CALIFORNIA. Very Fine, bag marked but not seriously so; less than the usual number of rim nicks, all small. Record of \$1,350. for the specimen in our last sale. **Plate**
Struck between February and October, 1852. Dies of lot 705, our Forty-Seventh sale; lot 996, our Fifty-Fourth.
- 435 1852. Ten Dollars. UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE OF GOLD. Fineness 884. Cracks through tops of most letters on eagle side. Better than VF, granular but not notably nicked. Sharp strike; an unusually attractive piece, with rosy toning. Should bring \$250.00! **Plate**

PRIVATE AND PIONEER GOLD COINS

- 436 North Carolina. (1831-42) Christopher Bechtler. Half Eagle. CAROLINA GOLD: 134. G. 21 CARATS. Very Fine, exceptionally clean. **Plate**
- 437 Another, from the same dies. Brighter than lot 436 and of about the same sharpness, but a bit abraded above 134 G. Planchet defect through B — L E. Like the last, rare, and in strong demand. **Plate**
- 438 Quarter Eagle. CAROLINA GOLD. 67.c. 21. CARATS. Die cracked from border to corner of 2 in 2.50, and again from border through T in BECHTLER. Extremely Fine, bright and lustrous; minutely bag marked, a few tiny rim nicks. Far above average, and decidedly rare. **Plate**
- 439 Dollar. N:CAROLINA GOLD. 28.G. Without star. Finely and faintly reeded edge. Strictly Very Fine. Lightly scratched, edges irregular as made, planchet somewhat defective. Extremely rare and valuable. **Plate**
- 440 Dollar. N:CAROLINA GOLD. 30. G. Finely beaded border, reeded edge, unlike any of the preceding. **Uncirculated**. With much brilliance (particularly on the side with 30. G.) and only minimal signs of handling. The die with 30. G. much buckled as always, accounting for the rarity of this **GROSSLY UNDER-VALUED** type. Exceptional condition for a C. Bechtler coin! **Plate**
Presumably one of the later issues after Mr. Bechtler was able to get better equipment. This corresponds in fabric to the excessively rare \$2.50 NORTH CAROLINA with 20.C. on one side, 75 G on the other.
- 441 (1842-52) August Bechtler. Dollar. 27.G. 21.c. **EARLY DIE STATE**, unrusted; border serrations visible. Nearly full mint lustre, but toothmarked as fairly often seen with these (apparently a test to distinguish them from the common brass forgeries?). Worth a good price!
R in BECHTLER cut over an F. Much rarer than are later strikes from rusty dies.
- 442 Same dies, later state. Slightly and diffusely rusted, mostly on the 27.G. side. Better than Ex. Fine, lustrous. With slight signs of bending; better than it sounds.
- 443 Same dies, far later state. Heavily rusted on both sides, cracked at ER * L. Very Fine or better, some lustre; without evidence of bending.
- 444 California. 1855. Kellogg & Co. Twenty Dollars. Very Fine, some lustre, some bag marks. Very popular! **Plate**
- 445 1850. Moffat & Co. Five Dollars. Really VF, the usual blunt strike; granular, but without serious bag marks.
- 446 1849. N(orris), G(rieg) & N(orris). Five Dollars. With period after ALLOY; plain edge. Very Fine, fairly bright and clean, some first-strike surface. Now selling to \$350.00. **Plate**
- 447 Colorado. 1860. Clark, Gruber & Co. Ten Dollars. View of Pike's Peak. Very Fine, lustrous, fairly clean. Records to \$500. so! **Plate**

- 448 **State of Deseret (Utah). 1849. Mormons. Five Dollars.** Nearly full original sharpness, almost full original first-strike brilliance, though with a couple of trivial pin scratches on the clasped hands side. **BY FAR THE FINEST WE HAVE HANDLED; definitely ONE OF THE TWO OR THREE FINEST KNOWN, possibly (all things considered) equal to the finest. Worth a high three-figure price, under the circumstances. Plate**

This is a thousand times better than the piece in our Fifty-Third sale at \$190., and even that was called "unusually choice."

Small California Gold Coins

- 449 **Octagonal Quarters. 1853. Burnie 6; Lee 6.** Small Liberty head, nine stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1853 within beaded circle. Cf. Clarke 424 (our Forty-Seventh sale). Ex. Fine to About Unc., rusty dies.
- 450 Another, exactly as last. Same condition. Should bring \$8.00.
- 451 **1854. B-9; L-8.** Large Liberty head, five stars. Rev. Similar to last, date 1854; crooked, recut DOLLAR. Cf. Clarke 426. Brilliant, choice Proof.
- 452 **1854. B-10; L-9.** Small Liberty head, fine style; eleven stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR in wreath; twelve berries. Cf. Clarke 427. Reverse planchet defect. Unc., reverse weak as almost always; lacquered.
- 453 **1854. Not in Burnie.** Type of B-11, L-10, but plain reverse border, R touching berry; twenty berries. Obv. as last; reverse, value in wreath. Cf. Clarke 428. Cleaned Unc. Rare.
- 454 **1855. B-13; L-12.** Large Liberty head, four stars; rev. similar to lot 451 except for date, possibly the same die altered. Cf. Clarke 429. Lustrous Unc.
- 455 **1856. B-15; L-14.** Large Liberty head, eight stars; FD on coronet. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1856 in beaded circle, numerator joining one bead at top. Cf. Clarke 431. Ex. Fine or better.
- 456 **1856. B-16; L-15.** Small Liberty head, twelve stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1856 in wreath; twenty-four berries. Cf. Clarke 432. Brilliant Proof, as was the Clarke piece.
- 457 Another B-16. Seemingly F/VF. Obverse impaired though not obviously so; looks evenly worn, but eraser or scrape marks faintly visible.
- 458 **1859. B-21; L-17.** Large Liberty head, eight stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1859 in wreath; no berries. Cf. Clarke 433. Ex. Fine, lustrous.
- 459 **1864. Not in Burnie.** Obv. B-33, rev. new. Small Liberty head, fifteen stars, G under head; LIB on coronet. Rev. Value in shield; wreath without berries, consisting of two crossed branches without ribbons. Cf. Clarke 438. Toned prooflike Unc. Clarke's, not as nice, brought \$15.00.
- 460 Another, as last. Better than EF, slightly bent. Equally rare.
- 461 **1866. Type of B-38, L-29,** reverse differing from Burnie's description; dies of Clarke 439. Large Liberty head, nine stars; rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1866 in wreath, eight berries; loops in bow are above and below, not left and right as called for by Burnie. Lustrous, seemingly Unc., but trifling rubbing on curls only; planchet defective.
- 462 Another, as last. Ex. Fine, traces of cleaning, doubtless to remove tarnish acquired by the base gold.
- 463 **1868. "B-43A";** not in Lee or Clarke (cf. Menjou 2547). Large Liberty head, nine crude stars, chin pointing to one. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1868 in wreath; about twenty berries, O and A incomplete. Rather dull Unc.
- 464 **1868. Not in Burnie. "B-43B";** not in Lee. Dies of Clarke 444. Large Liberty head, nine well-formed 5-pointed stars, the 6th farther from hair than on B-43; die later used on B-48. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1868 in wreath, twenty-four berries; break, lower r. wreath to border. Unc., not well struck up on lower curls.
- 465 **1871. B-64; L-47.** Large Liberty head, nine stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1871 high in wreath; two berries on leaves of r. branch, a third in field to r. Cf. Clarke 457. Similar grade to last, one corner slightly bent.
- 466 **1871. B-69; L-52.** Small Liberty head, thirteen stars; G and date below. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR CAL in wreath without berries. Cf. Clarke 459. Hairmarked Proof (?).
- 467 Another, as last. More or less Uncirculated.

- 468 1871. **B-71**; L-54. Obv. as last; rev. similar, nine berries in wreath, one of them serving as a period after CAL. Finely serrated border; plain edge. Cf. Clarke 461. Somewhat dull, prooflike Unc.
- 469 1871. **B-76**; L-57. Small Liberty head, thirteen stars; L and date below. Rev. Same die as last. Cf. Clarke 462. Fairly nice Unc. RR. Clarke's cleaned proof brought \$10.00.
- 470 1872. **B-79**; L-60. Washington head; thirteen stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR CAL in wreath, no berries; perfect die, not cracked as in the Clarke example. Cf. Clarke 464. Slightly off Unc. Rare and in great demand. The Clarke "gem" brought \$37.50, over four years ago.
- 471 1872. **B-86**; L-66. Large Indian head, thirteen stars. Curl joins 7 in date, 2 low; several stars join r. border. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR in wreath; twenty-two berries. Not in Clarke. Partly dull Proof. Rare, as the Clarke collection was unusually complete.
- 472 1874. **B-97**; L-75. Large Indian head, thirteen stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR CAL in wreath, twenty-three berries; very crude workmanship. Type of Clarke 472. Proof, the obverse not too well struck.
- 473 1874. **B-99**; "L-75A". Large crude Indian head, thirteen stars; numerals 7 and 4 joined to curls, 7th and 8th stars joined to border by die break (?), third star recut with two extra points. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR in wreath; about twenty-two berries. Not in Clarke. Unc., obverse prooflike. Probably rare, for the same reason as lot 471.
- 474 1875. **B-100**; L-76. Large Indian head, thirteen stars (11th joined to border by break), small date below; all feathers except the last point between stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR CAL in wreath; about twenty-four berries. Vaguely similar to Clarke 473, but apparently a different obv. die. Unc., traces of cleaning.
- 475 Another. Same dies. EF, loop removed. Also, **Round Quarter**. 1873. **B-96**; L-70. Large Indian head, 6 + 7 stars, period after date. Rev. of B-88 (see lot 500). Not in Clarke. Better than EF, tiny hole near 5th star. 2 Pcs.
- 476 1876. **B-103**; L-77. Large Liberty head, thirteen stars, 6th united to coronet. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR CAL in wreath; ten berries. Cf. Clarke 476. Better than EF, obv. weak as usual, rev. prooflike.
- 477 1876. **B-107**; L-80. Large Indian head, thirteen stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR CAL in wreath; twenty-four berries. Cf. Clarke 479. Partly toned, partly brilliant, prooflike Unc.
- 478 1876. **B-107A**; not in Lee or Clarke. Similar obv., stars away from border, figures of date better formed. Rev. As preceding. Nice Proof.
- 479 1880. **B-113**; L-82. Large Indian head, 6 + 7 stars, those at upper r. touching border, last about touching feather point; crudely formed numerals. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR in wreath; twenty-two berries. Not in Clarke. Just short of Unc., cleaned; copper showing.
- 480 Another, from the same dies. Extremely Fine.
- 481 **Round Quarters**. n.d. (1854-56?) **B-5**; L-3A. Small Liberty head, Gruner type; eleven stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR * in wreath, twenty-three berries; D and R not touching wreath. Cf. Clarke 486. Practically Unc., long obv. lint mark (not an impairment).
- 482 n.d. **B-8**; L-5. Small Liberty head, Gruner type; twelve stars, bust joins second. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR * in wreath, about nineteen berries; wreath closed on numerator by die break. Cf. Clarke 489. Unc., needs a bath.
- 483 1855. Not in Burnie. "**B-32B**"; not in Lee or Clarke. Similar to B-32. Liberty head, Gruner type, ten stars, several at r. touching border. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR (letters cramped) 1855 (slanting down to r.) in wreath, sixteen berries; reverse die cracked up. Unc. Very rare.
- 484 1856. **B-35**; L-24. Obv. Similar to last. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1856 in wreath; about twelve berries. Cf. Clarke 504. Obv. die badly cracked. Mostly Unc., somewhat prooflike, cleaned; nicer than Clarke's.
- 485 1856. **B-36**; L-26. Similar head, twelve stars; badly cracked die. Rev. As last; late state, parts of wreath disconnected. Cf. Clarke 505. Just short of Unc., bright.

- 486 **1859. B-39; L-28.** Large, crude Liberty head, ten stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1859 within wreath, the whole hopelessly crude; fraction divided by top leaves instead of bar. About eighteen berries. Type of Clarke 507, but plain edge. Brilliant, choice Unc.
- 487 **1860. B-41; L-29.** Obv. of lot 485, shattered die. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1860 (date slants down to r.) in wreath; no berries. Cf. Clarke 508. Ex. Fine, cleaned; faint traces of bending.
- 488 **1865. B-53; L-38.** Small Liberty head, fourteen blobs for stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1865 in wreath; eight berries. Ex. Fine, doubtless rare.
- 489 Copper trialpiece from the same dies, as was Clarke 513. Very Fine, obv. scratched. Only the second we have seen. Clarke's brought a low \$7.00.
- 490 **1867. B-61;** variant of L-43. Small Liberty head, thirteen stars, 5th and 7th being very tiny; G below. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1867 in fragmentary wreath; about twenty-two berries. Cf. Clarke 517. Prooflike Unc., cleaned, similar to the Clarke coin.
- 491 **1868. B-62; L-44.** Large Liberty head, seven 5-pointed stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1868 in open wreath, seventeen berries; crude. Cf. Clarke 518. Rather dull Unc.
- 492 Another from the same dies. Very Fine.
- 493 **1870. B-71; L-55.** Small Liberty head, thirteen stars; date and G below. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR CAL. in wreath; no berries. Cf. Clarke 524. Lightly hairmarked Proof.
- 494 Another. Exactly as last; very lightly scratched.
- 495 **1871. B-75; L-57.** Obv. Same die as lot 491. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1871 in crude wreath; eight berries, one joining tail of R. Cf. Clarke 526. Very Fine.
- 496 **1871. Unlisted. "B-75A";** not in Lee or Clarke. Obv. As last. Rev. New: $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR 1871 in wreath, four berries; normally shaped bows and ties; date centered, well formed, letters well spaced. More or less Unc. First we've seen; undoubtedly rare and valuable.
- 497 **1871. B-79; L-60.** Small Liberty head, thirteen stars; G and date below. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR C A L in fragmented wreath; twelve berries. Cf. Clarke 530. Prooflike Unc., somewhat dull, not too well struck.
- 498 Another from the same dies. Similar grade, traces of cleaning.
- 499 **1871. B-80; L-A5.** Small Liberty head copying that on the quarter eagle; thirteen tiny stars, small H and wide date below. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR CAL in wreath, sixteen berries; sans-serif lettering. Cf. Clarke 531. Edge irregularities as made; crude as always. So-so Unc.
- 500 **1872. B-88; L-64.** Large Indian head, thirteen stars; back of 2 joined by die break to border. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR CAL in wreath, twenty-three berries (Burnie only counted twenty-two). Cf. Clarke 536. Slightly hairmarked Proof, reverse die faintly cracked across.
- 501 **1873. B-93; L-68.** Large Liberty head, thirteen stars, similar to B-76 and 84. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR CAL. in wreath, thirteen berries; L in CAL recut. Cf. Clarke 538. Brilliant Unc., weakly struck in centers as always.
- 502 Another, from the same dies. Very Fine or better, lustrous.
- 503 **1874. B-102; L-74.** Large Indian head, thirteen stars. Rev. Same as lot 500. Cf. Clarke 539. Brilliant Proof, now acquiring attractive purplish tone.
- 504 Another, from the same dies. Brilliant Uncirculated.
- 505 **1880. B-128; L-84.** Large Indian head, thirteen stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR in almost closed wreath; twenty-six berries. Cf. Clarke 542. Mostly brilliant Proof.
- 506 **1881. Unlisted. "B-132A";** not in Lee or Clarke. Obv. Similar to last except date; 9th star normal, not double size and recut as in B-132. Rev. As preceding. Prooflike Unc., slightly bent.
- 507 **Octagonal Half Dollars. 1853. B-4; L-3.** Large Liberty head, ten stars; FD and date below. Rev. $\frac{1}{2}$ DOLLAR in beaded circle; CALIFORNIA. GOLD. * * around. Cf. Clarke 544. Close to Unc., somewhat prooflike; far better than Clarke's.
- 508 Another, from the same dies. Better than EF, deeply toned. These "early date" pieces are all unappreciated.
- 509 **1854. B-10; L-6.** Obv. Similar to last except for date. Rev. As preceding. Cf. Clarke 548. Ex. Fine plus, attractive.

- 510 1854. **B-12; L-7.** Large Liberty head, ten stars. Rev. ½ DOLLAR in beaded circle; CALIFORNIA * GOLD. around, F D * below. Cf. Clarke 549. Very Fine, flan crack.
- 511 1854. **B-14; L-8.** Large Liberty head, somewhat similar to the Gruner type; thirteen stars. Rev. * 1854 in wreath, sixteen berries; HALF DOL. CALIFORNIA GOLD N. around. Excellent workmanship. Cf. Clarke 550. Ex. Fine to AU, toned.
- 512 Another, from the same dies. Extremely Fine or so.
- 513 1856. **B-20; L-12.** Large Liberty head, thirteen stars; reminiscent of the design used on the three cent nickel. Die break, 4th star to border. Rev. Similar to lot 511, but date 1856 in wreath, and the N. is at bottom between ribbons. Cf. Clarke 552. Unc., prooflike.
- 514 Copper trialpiece from the same dies. Extremely Fine. Only one other known. RRR.
- 515 1859. **B-26; L-16.** Large Liberty head, eleven stars. Rev. ½ DOLLAR 1859 in wreath; about six berries. Cf. Clarke 554. Ex. Fine or so.
- 516 Another, from the same dies. Very Fine or better.
- 517 1859. **B-28; L-16A.** Large, rather crude Liberty head, thirteen stars. Rev. As preceding, but a much earlier die state; everything sharp. Not in Clarke. Brilliant, choice Proof. Rare.
- 518 1864. **Unlisted. "B-32A";** not in Lee or Clarke. Crude Liberty head, thirteen stars; C below head. Rev. HALF DOLLAR / — / 1864 in wreath, about twenty berries. Plain edge. Brilliant Proof, a bit hairlined. Doubtless very rare.
- 519 1868. **B-37; L-20.** Small Liberty head, eleven stars. Rev. ½ DOLLAR 1868 in wreath; about six berries. Cf. Clarke 558. Hair's breadth from Unc., usual weak uneven strike.
- 520 1869. **B-42A;** variant of L-23. Small, crude Liberty head; thirteen stars, uneven in size; G below. Rev. * CAL. GOLD HALF DOL. 1869 in wreath; twenty-three berries. Cf. Clarke 560. So-so Proof, as apparently always.
- 521 Another, exactly as last; this one somewhat hairlined.
- 522 1870. **B-46; L-27.** Small, homely Liberty head; thirteen stars and G below. Rev. * HALF DOLLAR 1870 in crude and partly disconnected wreath; five berries, a sixth where absent bow should be. Cf. Clarke 564. Rather weak, cleaned Proof; planchet defect, scratch-like, at bottom obv. rim.
- 523 1870. **Not in Burnie. "B-48A";** not in Lee, but same as Clarke 565. Small, dainty Liberty head, thirteen stars; G and date below; die of B-48. Rev. * HALF DOLLAR C A L in wreath, fourteen berries, one under A of CAL; wreath two wholly separate branches. Hairlined Proof, finer than the Clarke coin. RRR.
- 524 1871. **B-51; L-30.** Large Liberty head, eight 5-pointed stars. Rev. ½ DOLLAR 1871 in open wreath, five berries left, three right; D and R touch. Cf. Clarke 566. Unc., weakly struck as usual, nice prooflike surface.
- 525 Another, from the same dies. Also Unc., but not quite as attractive.
- 526 1871. **B-57; L-35.** Small Liberty head, thirteen stars; letter G below, partly double cut; 7 in date tilts r. Rev. * HALF DOLLAR C A L in slender wreath, ten berries; A in CAL high, other letters irregular. Cf. Clarke 568. Hairlined Proof.
- 527 Another, from the same dies. So-so Uncirculated.
- 528 1871. **B-60; L-37.** Liberty head, thirteen blobs for stars; L and date below. Rev. Same as last. Not in Clarke. Unc., prooflike; traces of cleaning. Presumably rare.
- 529 1872. **B-62A;** similar to L-39 and Clarke 571. Small, dainty Liberty head; thirteen stars. Numeral 2 in date filled up at back. Rev. Somewhat similar to previous two, but 6-pointed star (others had 5-pointed stars); HALF slants down, first L in DOLLAR recut; period after CAL., no berries. Unc., cleaned. Rare, perhaps even extremely so.
- 530 Another, from the same dies. Exactly as last in grade and quality. Equally rare and important.
- 531 1872. **B-67; L-42.** Large Indian head, thirteen crude 6-pointed stars; date scrawled below. Rev. ½ DOLLAR CAL. in wreath; nineteen large and three small berries. Cf. Clarke 573. Planchet heavily cracked. Ex. Fine plus, some prooflike surface.

- 532 **1873. B-70; L-44.** Obv. Similar to lot 529, except for date 1873 and 5-pointed stars. Rev. Identical to lot 529. Cf. Clarke 576. About Unc. or so. Somewhat rare.
- 533 **1874. B-75; L-49.** Similar to Clarke 579. Large Indian head, thirteen 5-pointed stars; 4 in date normal (not small as in Clarke 579). Rev. $\frac{1}{2}$ DOLLAR CAL. in wreath, small letters; twenty-six berries. Ex. Fine, prooflike; light rev. scratches.
- 534 **1875. B-81; L-53.** Large, crude Indian head, thirteen flat 5-pointed stars. Rev. Vaguely copying last; twenty-one berries, no period after CAL. Cf. Clarke 581. Ex. Fine or so.
- 535 **1876. B-87; L-57.** Large Indian head; five large, three small, and five large 5-pointed stars. Rev. Somewhat similar; large fraction and letters, thirty berries, no period after CAL. Far better style on both dies than on most of the preceding. Cf. Clarke 585. Slightly hairmarked Proof.
- 536 **1881. B-98; not in Lee or Clarke.** Large Indian head, thirteen stars, fourth recut. Rev. Die of B-95: $\frac{1}{2}$ DOLLAR in wreath; twenty-seven berries. Fairly nice Proof. Undoubtedly quite rare!
- 537 **Round Half Dollars. 1852. B-1; L-1.** Small Liberty head, thirteen stars. Rev. HALF DOL. CALIFORNIA GOLD. around wreath containing date; twenty berries. Cf. Clarke 591. Planchet crack on reverse. Obv. EF, rev. AU with lustre.
- 538 Another, from the same dies. Just about Extremely Fine.
- 539 **1852. B-5; L-2.** Similar head, thirteen stars; D.N. below truncation. Rev. As last. Cf. Clarke 593. Ex. Fine plus, lustrous.
- 540 **"1852" (i.e. 1874-81). B-8; L-3.** Large Indian head, exactly as on many of the 1874-81 pieces. Rev. $\frac{1}{2}$ DOLLAR in wreath; twenty-eight berries. (The die of lot 569.) Cf. Clarke 594. Unc., proof surface.
- 541 **1853. Unlisted. "B-13C"; not in Lee or Clarke.** Large Liberty head, D below, eleven tiny stars around. Rev. CALIFORNIA GOLD HALF D. around, * 1853 within wreath, fifteen (?) berries; part of wreath and bow incomplete, all very crude. Plain edge. Ex. Fine, traces of bending. RR.
- 542 **1853. B-15; L-8.** Large Liberty head, twelve stars, bust point over first. Rev. CALIFORNIA GOLD HALF D around wreath containing large date; twenty-three small dots for berries. Cf. Clarke 599. Very Fine, defective planchet; tarnished.
- 543 **1853. B-20; L-11.** Similar obv. to lot 537, but coronet point very near 6th star. Rev. Similar to lot 537, except for date; heavier wreath, twenty berries, first A in CALIFORNIA short-legged. Cf. Clarke 602. Brilliant Unc., proof surface.
- 544 Another, from the same dies. Brilliant Uncirculated, frosty.
- 545 **1853 (over 2?). B-28; L-17.** Small Liberty head, thirteen stars; D.N. below truncation. Rev. HALF DOL. CALIFORNIA GOLD. around, date within wreath, about twenty-five berries on extremely long stems. Reeded edge. Not in Clarke. Ex. Fine, prooflike; light rev. scratches. Rare.
- 546 **1853. B-30; L-20.** Tall, rather old looking Liberty head, G. G. below; thirteen stars around. Rev. $\frac{1}{2}$ DOLLAR in wreath, CALIFORNIA GOLD around; 18 53 below, divided by ribbons. Cf. Clarke 605. Ex. Fine plus. A very distinctive type, greatly undervalued.
- 547 **1855. B-49; L-29.** Large, fine Liberty head, thirteen unevenly spaced stars. Rev. Somewhat similar to lot 537, but date 1855, and twenty-two berries. Shattered dies. Cf. Clarke 610. Unc., traces of cleaning.
- 548 **1856. B-52; L-31.** Large Liberty head, twelve stars. Rev. Similar to last, but date 1856; N. below ribbons instead of star; sixteen berries. Cf. Clarke 611. Hairlined Proof.
- 549 **1867. B-72A; L-43 (but reeded edge).** Liberty head, thirteen stars; G below. Rev. * HALF DOLLAR 1867 in wreath, eighteen berries; branches disconnected from fragmentary bows and ribbons. Reeded edge. Not in Clarke. Hairmarked Proof.
- 550 Another, from the same dies. Practically Unc., also hairmarked. We presume this variety rare, as T. James Clarke had the pick of many fine collections.
- 551 **1868. B-74; L-44.** Large Liberty head, nine stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{2}$ DOLLAR 1868 in wreath; twenty berries, some almost indistinguishable. Cf. Clarke 620. Ex. Fine plus, tarnish specks.

- 552 1869. **B-77**; L-47. Obv. As last. Rev. Similar, but date 1869; eight berries, D touches wreath. Not in Clarke. Brilliant Unc., rather weak; hardly a "gem." Still, rare and desirable.
- 553 1870. **B-83**; L-50. Similar to lot 551 except for date; eleven berries. Cf. Clarke 625. More or less Unc.
- 554 1870. **B-85**; L-51. Small, homely Liberty head; thirteen 6-pointed stars around. Rev. Similar to last, but much better workmanship; twenty berries. Cf. Clarke 626. Better than Ex. Fine, some proof surface.
- 555 1870. Unlisted. "**B-86B**"; dies of Clarke 628. Small Liberty head, copied from the Gruner type; thirteen small 5-pointed stars around, G almost touching below head. Rev. * HALF DOLLAR 1870 in wreath, no berries. Slightly hair-marked Proof. RRR.
- 556 1871. **B-88**; L-53. Obv. Same as lot 551. Rev. Similar except for date; no berries. Cf. Clarke 629. Brilliant Unc., choice for the coin.
- 557 Another, from the same dies. Practically Unc., dull.
- 558 1871. **B-93**; not in Lee or Clarke. Obv. Small Liberty head, thirteen stars and date. Rev. * HALF DOLLAR CAL in wreath; ten berries, two at r. on a single stem; R recut. Better than EF, some prooflike surface. Supposedly very rare.
- 559 Another, from the same dies. Ex. Fine. Should bring as much as the last!
- 560 1871. **B-98**; L-57. Small Liberty head, thirteen small 6-pointed stars; date and L below. Rev. * HALF DOLLAR CAL in wreath, six berries; no ribbons or bow. Cf. Clarke 635. Practically Unc., prooflike.
- 561 1872. **B-99**; L-58. Small, dainty Liberty head, thirteen stars. Rev. Similar, no berries. Cf. Clarke 636. Brilliant Unc., prooflike; some hairmarks on reverse.
- 562 1875 (over 3?). **B-120**; L-70. Indian head, thirteen large 5-pointed stars. Rev. ½ DOLLAR CAL. in rather coarse wreath; twenty-four berries. Cf. Clarke 641. So-so Proof.
- 563 1875. Unlisted. "**B-120A**"; not in Lee or Clarke. Similar obverse, likewise looking somewhat like an overdate; curved date. Rev. As last. Proof, weak in centers. Rare.
- 564 1876. Unlisted. "**B-123B**"; not in Lee, dies of Clarke 642. Obverse of B-123, small crude Liberty head; thirteen large clover-leaf stars, small date. Rev. ½ DOLLAR CAL. in plain wreath, sixteen berries; flat recut bow, large knot, four ribbons, two stems. Ex. Fine, flatly struck.
- 565 Another, from the same dies. Identical grade and quality.
- 566 1876. **B-129**; L-73. Small Indian head, thirteen small clover-leaf stars; crude. Rev. As last. Not in Clarke. Ex. Fine. Probably rare.
- 567 1876/5. **B-132**; L-73. Large Indian head, thirteen stars; flag from r. side of numeral 1. Rev. ½ DOLLAR CAL. in wreath; twenty-four berries. Not in Clarke. Brilliant Proof. Interesting and rare!
- 568 1881. **B-141**; L-76. Indian head, thirteen small stars; large date. Rev. Large ½, small DOLLAR in ornate wreath, about twenty-three berries; top bow curved. Prooflike Unc.
- 569 1881. Unlisted. "**B-141A**"; not in Lee or Clarke. Obv. As last. Rev. B-8; similar to preceding, but twenty-eight berries. Partly dull Proof. Allegedly rare.
- 570 Octagonal Dollars. 1853. **B-4**; L-3. Large Liberty head, eight stars. Rev. Within beaded circle, 1 DOLLAR 1853; around, CALIFORNIA GOLD * DERI * . Cf. Clarke 646. Extremely Fine.
- 571 Another, from the same dies. Very Fine or so, flatly struck.
- 572 Similar. **B-5A**(?); not in Lee or Clarke. Similar obverse, but star below bust point is farther away and connected to it by a crack. Rev. As last, no stars in legend. Very Fine plus. Rarer than the two preceding.
- 573 1853. **B-12A**; L-9. Large, well formed Liberty head; thirteen small stars around, last away from curl. Rev. CALIFORNIA GOLD * N. * around beaded circle, words separated by groups of four points; 1 DOLLAR 1853 within. Cf. Clarke 653. Ex. Fine or better, lustre. Records to \$23., as far back as 1955.
- 574 1854. **B-17**; L-11. Small, fairly well designed Liberty head, the coronet beaded; ten stars. Rev. CALIFORNIA. * (at upper r.) GOLD (at r.) * FD (below) around beaded circle enclosing 1 DOLLAR 1854. Cf. Clarke 657. Planchet somewhat defective. Extremely Fine.

- 575 1854. B-22; L-14. Obv. Similar to lot 573, but stars divided 6 + 1 + 6, last one nearer to curl. Rev. CALIFORNIA GOLD (groups of seven points before and after, group of four between) around wreath, sixteen berries; 1 DOLLAR 1854 within. Cf. Clarke 659. Obverse better than VF, the reverse EF.
- 576 1855. B-27; L-19. Obv. As last. Rev. CALIFORNIA GOLD. N. R. around wreath, twenty berries; 1 DOLLAR 1855 within. Cf. Clarke 665. About Unc., appreciable prooflike surface.
- 577 1869. B-46; L-30. Coarse, lantern-jawed Liberty head, with necklace; 6 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 stars around; G below. Rev. CALIFORNIA above; crude, open wreath with twenty berries, containing GOLD 1 (ornaments l. & r.) DOLLAR 1869. Cf. Clarke 670. Brilliant Proof, lightly scratched. Rare.
- 578 1927. Lincoln Token by Elder. Bust l., ABRAHAM LINCOLN 1927. Rev. Crossed axes in wreath, A TOKEN. Brilliant Unc., obv. prooflike, rev. peculiarly matte, grainy or pebbled as made. Cf. lot 1763, our Straus offering.

GOLD COINS OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

- 579 **CANADA.** George V. 1912. Ten Dollars. Obverse VF, nicked up; reverse EF or better.
Mintage 74,759.
- 580 1914. Ten Dollars. VF / EF, some lustre, some traces of cleaning. Very scarce.
- 581 1912. Five Dollars. VF, obverse scratched.
- 582 **NEWFOUNDLAND.** Two Dollar Pieces. 1865. Ex. Fine, lustrous; obverse scratched.
- 583 1870. Close to Ex. Fine, not quite as nice.
- 584 1881. Better than EF, brilliant; some minor bag marks.
Mintage 10,000 apiece of each of the last three.
- 585 1882 "H". Very Fine or better, some kind of lacquer-like deposits on reverse; some scratches.
- 586 1885. Brilliant Unc. Some minor bag marks and mint abrasions as usual.
Mintage 10,000.
- 587 1888. Close to Ex. Fine, usual quality.

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- 588 **Philip V (1700-1746). 1732. 8 Escudos. Bust. Rev. Arms. Assayer F. Friedberg 5. Strictly Fine; test mark on obverse rim left of date. Extremely rare, for reason given below. Plate**
Wayte Raymond, in both GC (*Gold Coins of North & South America*) and SA (*Spanish-American Gold Coins*), says no doubloons are known of 1732 showing assayer's initials. The present coin is the only one so reported.
- 589 **1734/3. 8 Escudos. As last; assayer MF. F-5. Very Fine or better. Plate**
- 590 **1735. 8 Escudos. As preceding; assayer MF. F-5. Better than Ex. Fine, very brilliant; some reverse prooflike surface. Exceptionally choice! Plate**
- 591 **1736. 4 Escudos. Similar; no fleece, single mintmark at bottom. Assayer MF. F-6. Close to VF, reverse sharper than obverse. This denomination far rarer than the doubloon. Plate**
- 592 **1736/5. 2 Escudos. As last; cinquefoils rather than hexafoils, period above assayer's initials MF, nothing below. F-7. Obverse About VF, reverse fully VF; some adjustment marks.**
The 4 and 2 Escudo pieces have diagonally reeded edges; the 8 Escudos generally have vertically reeded edges.
- 593 **1741. 8 Escudos. Similar to lots 589-590. Assayer MF. F-5. Very Fine, lustre. Plate**
- 594 **1743/2. 8 Escudos. Types as preceding; same assayer. F-5. Overdate rather faint, mostly visible at top and r. of 3. Better than Extremely Fine, a brilliant early strike. Plate**
- 595 **1745. 4 Escudos. Similar to lot 591. F-6. Mostly VF, reverse much nicer than obverse. Rare. Plate**
- 596 **Ferdinand VI (1746-1760). 1748. 2 Escudos. Small bust in high relief. Rev. Arms dividing value; NOMINA MAGNA SEQUOR. Assayer MF. F-16. Very Fine, loop removed, destroying G in MAGNA. Underrated, in any condition!**
- 597 **1752. 8 Escudos. Similar. No denomination. Assayer MF. F-14. Extremely Fine, much first-strike surface. Minor rim impairment.**
Edges ornamented from now on.
- 598 **1755. 8 Escudos. As last. Assayer MM. F-14. Same grade. Exceptionally attractive!**
- 599 **1756. 8 Escudos. Identical. Assayer MM. F-14. Close to Extremely Fine.**
- 600 **Charles III (1759-1788). 1760. 8 Escudos. First type: Small bust, order of Golden Fleece below ermine, r. of date; reverse as preceding. Assayer MM. F-22. VF, some lustre. Plate**
- 601 **1760. 1 Escudo. Similar; no order visible. Assayer MM. F-25. Mostly VG, reverse stronger than obverse; loop removed at top. Rare.**
- 602 **1761. 8 Escudos. Order below ermine. Assayer MM. F-22. Very Fine, bright; some lustre, some light scratches; planchet defective (as made) at lower reverse. Plate**
- 603 **1761. 8 Escudos. Order high on neck. Assayer MM. F-22. Just about Ex. Fine, lustrous. Plate**
- 604 **1761/0. 1 Escudo. Similar to lot 601. Assayer MM. F-25. VG or so; small initials "JL" neatly cut into field. Still acceptable; decidedly rare.**
- 605 **1765. 8 Escudos. Second type: Large bust of different style. Rev. Arms, but shield now different, legend IN UTROQ. FELIX AUSPICE DEO. Assayer MF. F-26. Very Fine, some lustre.**

- 606 1786. 8 Escudos. Third type: Older bust. Rev. Arms, denomination within. Assayer FM; so-called inverted FM (actually following circle of legend). F-30. Fine obverse, VF reverse.
Edges diagonally reeded from now on.
- 607 **Charles IV** (1788-1808). 1798. 8 Escudos. Types similar to last. F-40. VG obv., Fine or better rev. Edge seems plain, probably from wear as there is no sign of looping or other mutilation.
- 608 1799. 8 Escudos. Similar. Assayer FM. F-40. Ex. Fine or so, reverse nearer to AU; much original brilliance. Unusually choice!
- 609 **1804/3**. 8 Escudos. As last. Assayer TH. F-40. Faint overdate, top of 3 visible near top of 4 and left. Fine obv., VF or better rev.
- 610 1806. 8 Escudos. As preceding. Assayer TH. F-40. Brilliant **Uncirculated**. Choice; infinitesimal evidence of mint abrasion. Extraordinary condition for a doubloon, as these large heavy coins (like United States double eagles) were meant to use. **Plate**
- 611 **Ferdinand VII** (1808-1833). 1808. 8 Escudos. Large armored bust. Rev. As preceding. Assayer TH. F-44. Ex. Fine, small rim nick below date.
- 612 **1813**. 8 Escudos. **GA (Guadalajara mint)**. Second type: Large uniformed bust. Assayer MR. Fine diagonally reeded edge. Type of **F-47**, DIFFERENT REVERSE DIE from those illustrated by Raymond and Friedberg; mintmark and M of assayer's initials touch or practically touch fleece. VG/F, date weak as always; solder on edge, traces of shanks near l. and r. reverse borders. Extremely rare, valued at \$500. in Fine. **Plate**
- 613 **1814**. 4 Escudos. Third type: Laureate head. Rev. Arms. Assayer HI (or HJ?). **F-51**. A splendid first-strike with a little rubbing on head; a bit weakly struck near borders and center of reverse as usual. A beautiful specimen of an undervalued coin!
- 614 1814. ½ Escudo. Similar. Rev. Arms divide mmk. and II, no other inscription. **F-54**. Very Good, fairly bold. Not as unimportant as its size might suggest.
- 615 **1815/4**. ½ Escudo. As last. **F-54**. VF, or better, but plugged above head; not interfering with any lettering.
- 616 1817. 8 Escudos. Type similar to lot 613, but assayer JJ. **F-49**. Very Fine, weak on head. Clean, save for a minor edge test mark, not visible from either side.
- 617 **1821**. 8 Escudos. **GA (Guadalajara mint)**. Type as last. Assayer F.S. Like **F-50**, but inverted S right of shield. Ex. Fine, nice first-strike; planchet defect at r. obverse rim. Valued at \$175., but should command more in this remarkable preservation. **Plate**
- 618 **1821**. 8 Escudos. **GA mint**, as last. Draped bust r. Rev. Similar. Assayer F.S. **F-55**. VF to EF, minor field scratches both sides. Friedberg at \$200., and well worth it! **Plate**
- 619 **Augustine Iturbide** (1822-23). **1822**. 8 Escudos. Narrow head. Rev. Eagle on cactus. Assayer J.M. Type of **F-56**, but different obverse: more closely spaced date; reverse cracked through 8 S. J., bulged l. & r. of centers. Ex. Fine, bright; small face nick. Very rare, unusually nice! **Plate**
- 620 **1823**. 8 Escudos. Larger head. Rev. Ornate arms; same legends and assayer. **F-57**. ATOR.C double cut. Ex. Fine, brilliant, lustrous; weak on face, some planchet defects; a couple of light (and unimportant) test marks on edge. Also RR; desirable. **Plate**
- 621 **Republic**. 1825. 1 Escudo. Hand and book. Rev. Eagle on cactus. Assayer J.M. **F-93**. Obv. VF, rev. EF, unevenly struck. Much of obverse legend amateurishly recut—crude native workmanship. Undervalued.
- 622 1832, 33, 42, 55, 60. Half Escudo pieces. Assayers J.M., M.J., M.M., G.F., F.H. **F-103**. Types similar to last. All basically Very Fine, but first two plugged, third with deep rev. dig, fourth with several edge solder spots, fifth with severe border file mark. 5 Pcs.
- 623 1848. 8 Escudos. Go (Guanajuato mint). Similar. Assayer P.F. **F-69**. Probably Fine or better, but very weakly struck in centers.
- 624 1855. 8 Escudos. **GA (Guadalajara mint)**. Similar. Assayer J.G. **F-67**. Basically Ex. Fine, uneven strike, but some obverse scraping to minimize rather unsightly planchet defects at and near arm. Very rare, valued by Friedberg at \$300.00. **Plate**

- 625 **1856/5.** ½ Escudo. Type as before. Assayer G.F. F-103. Very Fine average. Attractive!
- 626 1858. 8 Escudos. Go (Guanajuato mint). Similar. Assayer P.F. F-69. Very Fine, clean. Usual strike.
- 627 **1862/1.** 8 Escudos. Go. Similar. Assayer Y.E. F-69. Fine to VF, weak uneven strike as usual.
- 628 1862. 8 Escudos. C (Culiacan mint). Similar. Assayer C.E. F-63. VF to EF, lustrous. Valued to \$100.00.
- 629 1863. **4 Escudos.** Similar. Assayer C.H. F-73. Close to EF for coin, buckled dies; clean, but loop skilfully removed (as so commonly found upon these coins). This denomination underrated in this series, as in others.
- 630 **Maximilian (1864-67). 1866.** 20 Pesos. Head r. Rev. Arms. Reeded edge. F-59. Fine or better. Valued to \$150.00.
- 631 Another. Identical. A trifle more worn than preceding. Very scarce and popular.
- 632 **Republic restored.** (Types as lots 621-629.) **1868.** 8 Escudos. Go. Assayer Y.F. F-69. Better than Ex. Fine, lustrous; (easily removable) pencil marks in obv. field. Uncommon date!
- 633 **New system.** 1870. 20 Pesos. Scales and cap. Rev. Eagle and date. Assayer C. F-115. Ex. Fine, lustrous; weak on eagle's breast. Hardly common.
Vertically reeded edges from now on.
- 634 1888/7 (?). 1 Peso. Eagle and date. Rev. Value in wreath. Assayer M. F-153. Unc., a beautiful first-strike somewhat hairlined. Worth \$25., so fine.
- 635 1892/1 (?). 1 Peso. As last. Assayer M. F-153. Slightly nicer Uncirculated. Also worth a good price!
- 636 **1895/4.** 1 Peso. Similar. Assayer B. F-153. Unc., traces of cleaning.
- 637 1896. 1 Peso. Same. Assayer B. F-153. Close to Unc., some removable dirt. This denomination inordinately popular, particularly when choice.
- 638 **1897/6.** 1 Peso. CN (Culiacan mint). Assayer M. F-156. **Brilliant Proof?** At any rate, it is the nearest thing to a proof we have seen in a Mexican 19th Century coin. High wire edge both sides, beautifully sharp strike. Traces of rust on both dies. A magnificent piece!
- 639 1898. 1 Peso. Mmk. **CN over Mo** (?). Assayer M. F-156. Unc., minute hairlines. Obverse die extensively cracked. A very interesting little coin.
- 640 1899. 1 Peso. CN. Assayer Q. F-156. Close to Unc., lustrous.
- 641 **1900/1899.** 1 Peso. Assayer M. F-153. Choice Unc., bright and frosty.
- 642 1901. 1 Peso. CN. Assayer Q. F-156. Choice Unc., an early strike. We expect considerable demand for these popular little coins.
- 643 Another, from the identical dies, now cracked on reverse. Choice Unc., retaining some die polish.
- 644 1902. 1 Peso. Assayer M. F-153. Ex. Fine, minute rim nicks.
- 645 1903. 20 Pesos. Assayer M. Type of lot 633. F-115. Very Fine, nicked, especially on reverse. Worth \$75.00.
- 646 **1903/2.** 1 Peso. Assayer M. F-153. About Unc., traces of cleaning.
- 647 1904. 1 Peso. CN. Assayer H. F-156. More or less Unc., hairmarked.
- 648 Another. Mmk. **CN over Mo** (?). Same obverse die in later state. F-156. Brilliant Unc. Worth as much as lot 639.
- 649 1905. 1 Peso. Assayer M. F-153. Ex. Fine, obv. scratches.
- 650 1906. 10 Pesos. Head of Hidalgo. Rev. Eagle. Mmk. M. F-163. Very Fine, reverse much sharper than obverse. This type apparently always weak on head of Hidalgo.
Edges lettered from now on, except on 2 and 2.5 Peso pieces.
- 651 1906. 5 Pesos. Same type. F-164. Brilliant Uncirculated. Choice; a real collector's specimen.
- 652 Second 1906 5 Pesos. Identical. Very Fine, obverse scratched.
- 653 1907. 10 Pesos. As last. F-163. Just VF, obv. rim bruise.
- 654 1907. 5 Pesos. As last. F-164. Uncirculated; minutely bag marked.
- 655 1917. 20 Pesos. Aztec calendar. Rev. Eagle. No mmk. F-167. Ex. Fine, some lustre.
- 656 1917. 10 Pesos. As lot 650, except date. F-163. Very Fine or so.

- 657 1918. 20 Pesos. Aztec calendar. F-167. Very Fine or so.
- 658 1918 2.5 Pesos, 1919 2 Pesos. Latter with eagle obv., value in wreath rev., usual o above M mmk. F-165 and 166. Ex. Fine, first with small field nick, second with minute rim nick. 2 Pcs.
- 659 1918 2.5 Pesos, 1920 2 Pesos. As preceding pair. F-165, 166. Ex. Fine, a trifle nicer (especially the latter) than preceding. 2 Pcs.
- 660 1919 2.5 Pesos, 1920 2 Pesos. As last. F-165, 166. Very Fine pair. 2 Pcs.
Edges on lots 658-660 ornamented with pairs of parallel bars, not like regular reeding.
- 661 1923. 50 Pesos or "Centenario." Winged Victory. Rev. Eagle. F-168. Better than EF, brilliant; obv. edge bruise. This date not common.
- 662 1924. 50 Pesos. Similar. F-168. Very close to Unc., lightly bag marked. Uncommon date.
- 663 1930. 50 Pesos. Similar. F-168. EF to AU, a little more bag marked than last. Uncommon date.

Caribbean and Central American Gold Coins

- 664 **CUBA.** 1916. 10 Pesos. Head of Marti. Rev. Arms. F-2. Very Fine.
- 665 1915. 1 Peso. Similar. F-6. VF to EF. Popular!
- 666 1916. 1 Peso. As preceding. F-6. Better than Ex. Fine, a first-strike; minor obv. scratch. Worth as much as last.
- 667 **MARTINIQUE.** 1768. **Counterstamp.** Brazilian 6,400 Reis, Rio mint, counter-marked "22" and eagle. F-1. Coin Fine or so, weak in centers; the counter-stamp EF. Friedberg at \$125., records higher.
- 668 **GUATEMALA.** Ferdinand VII. 1817. 8 Escudos. Bust r. Rev. Arms. NG mint. Assayer M. F-22. Fine or better, weak in centers. Lists at \$150.00.
- 669 1817. 2 Escudos. Same devices, mmk. and assayer. F-24. Very Fine, head weakly struck. Underpriced by Friedberg, at \$75.00.
- 670 1817. 1 Escudo. As last. F-25. Fine or so, head weakly struck. Rare; lists at \$75.00.
- 671 **Republic.** 1825. ½ Escudo. Sun over three mountain peaks. Rev. Tree. Assayer M. Type of F-30, except that F-30 calls for five mountain peaks. Fine to VF, highly lustrous for the grade; weak uneven strike, some adjustment marks.
- 672 **1859/8.** 2 Pesos. Head of Carrera, title as PTE. Rev. Arms. F-35. Very Fine, loop skilfully removed.
- 673 1859 1 Peso, 1860 4 Reales. Head of Carrera, title as P. Rev. Value in wreath. Latter with small date, 21 Q R below. Very Fine. 2 Pcs.
- 674 1860. 4 Reales. Similar. Small and large dates. Both with 2 Q R (!!) below wreath. Latter of cruder workmanship. VF and EF. 2 Pcs.
21 Q of course means 21 Carats, which is why the 2 Q is a blunder.
- 675 1864. **8 Pesos.** Head of Carrera, title as PTE. Rev. Arms. F-33. VF to EF, considerable original lustre. RR, valued by Friedberg at \$200.00. **Plate**
- 676 1869. 10 Pesos. Similar; title as FUNDADOR. F-40. Very Fine or better, lustrous.
- 677 1869. 5 Pesos. As last. F-41. Brilliant, very close to Unc., but a rather soft strike. Desirable!
- 678 1869. **4 Pesos.** As last. F-42. VF to EF, likewise a mediocre strike. Lists at \$50.00.
- 679 1872. 5 Pesos. Liberty head l. Rev. Scroll, quetzal bird above, crossed rifles and swords behind; wreath around. F-44. Extremely Fine; bag marked and with a little reverse rim nick, but nearly full prooflike surface. Also valued by Friedberg at \$50.00.
- 680 1874. 5 Pesos. As last. Apparently different dies from the F-44 illustration. Very close to Unc., a beautiful first-strike. Comparatively clean. Worth a generous bid!
- 681 1926. 5 Quetzals. Quetzal on pedestal. Rev. Similar to last. F-49. A minute rub away from Unc., brilliant.
- 682 **COSTA RICA.** 1837. **8 Escudos.** Sun over five peaks. Rev. Ceiba tree. Mmk. CR. Assayer F. F-1. VF to EF, lustrous. An attractive example of a rare coin, listing at \$250.00. **Plate**
- 683 1837. **4 Escudos.** Similar. Assayer E. F-2. Similar grade, minor obverse nick. Lists at a moderate \$100.00.

- 684 Another, from the same dies, but later state— badly rusted and cracked. Seemingly VF/ F, but probably better for the coin. Rare.
- 685 1846. ½ Escudo. Similar. CREZCA in rev. legend on this and the next four. Assayer J.B. F-5. Brilliant Unc., struck from rusted and repolished dies. Copper oxide stains. Nice!
- 686 1849. 1 Escudo. Identical to last save for date and denomination. F-4. Counter-stamped with a lion, HABILITADA POR EL GOBIERNO around, at sun and tree. Very Fine.
- 687 Another, same dies, same counterstamp. Fine to VF, big planchet defect at upper edge (not a mutilation).
- 688 1850. 2 Escudos. As preceding, except for date and denomination. Thick tree trunk, close 21 QS. Edge ornamented (all others have reeded edges except lot 689). F-3. No counterstamp. Very Fine, some peripheral lustre.
- 689 Another. As last; different dies, thin tree trunk, very wide 21 Q S. Ornamented edge as last. Same grade.
- 690 1850. ½ Onza. Indian and column. Rev. Arms. F-7. Better than VF for this miserably struck coin; exceptionally clean save for one small rim bruise. Lists at \$75.00.
- 691 1854. 2 Escudos. Similar. F-8. Fine, scratched. Worth \$17.50.
- 692 1855. 2 Escudos. As last. Very Fine plus, usual strike. Should bring \$22.50.
- 693 1867. 5 Pesos. Large size (about the diameter of preceding 2 Escudos coins). Arms. Rev. Value in wreath spelled out. F-13. Fine to VF.
- 694 1870. 10 Pesos. Identical type. F-11. Very Fine, a weak strike from cracked dies. Friedberg, \$40.00.
- 695 1900. 2 Colones. Head of Columbus. Rev. Arms. F-24. Brilliant, a minute rub away from Unc. Minute rim nick.
- 696 SALVADOR. 1892. 10 Pesos. Liberty head l., AMERICA CENTRAL 10 PESOS. Rev. Arms, title and date. F-2. Better than Ex. Fine, possibly a former proof. A major rarity, valued at \$150. in Raymond's GC book, twenty-three years ago. Worth more than its \$175. Friedberg valuation today. Plate
- 697 1892. 2.50 Pesos (value so expressed). Types and grade as last. F-4. RR. Valued at \$75. by Friedberg, and at the same figure by Wayne Raymond in 1937.

South American Gold Coins

- 698 ARGENTINA. 1843. 2 Escudos. Sun over mountains, ETERNO LOOR AL RESTAURADOR ROSAS. Rev. Arms. R (Rioja) mintmark. Assayer B. F-10. Fine or better, some minor rim nicks. Lists \$100. in Friedberg.
- 699 Another, identical. Same grade, small reverse field dig.
- 700 1883. 5 Pesos (or 1 Argentino). Liberty head r. Rev. Arms. Sgd. OUDINE in obv. field. F-12. Better than EF, brilliant, lightly bag marked.
- 701 1887. 5 Pesos. Identical, but lacks obv. signature. Same grade and quality.
- 702 BOLIVIA. Charles III. 1800. 8 Escudos. Type similar to the Mexican 8 Escudos of the period. Assayer P.P. F-13. Fine obv., VF rev., weak on head and bust; relatively clean.
Mmk. PTS in monogram except as noted, on all Bolivian coins.
- 703 Ferdinand VII. 1822. 8 Escudos. Laur. head r. Rev. Arms. Assayer P.J. F-18. Very Fine or better, some lustre; weak on head. Valued at \$150., by Friedberg.
- 704 Republic. 1832. 8 Escudos. Uniformed bust of Bolivar r., name below. Rev. Mountain, sun, llama, etc., date and value. Assayer J.L. F-20. Very Fine or better, some lustre. A \$100. coin!
- 705 1832/1. 1 Escudo. As preceding. Assayer J.L. F-23. Same grade, but pierced over head.
- 706 1833. 8 Escudos. Similar. Assayer L.M. F-20. Ex. Fine or better, considerable mint brilliance; minor evidence of bag handling. An attractive specimen of an impressive piece!
- 707 1835. 8 Escudos. As last. Same assayer. F-20. A heavy ray (actually made up of two thinner ones close together) touches end of foot of L. Brilliant Uncirculated; faintest touches of what may be cabinet friction on brow and collar, and a small reverse rim nick. Even superior to the 1833 example; a very unusual grade for doubloons, as we said under lot 610. Plate

- 708 Another, from a later state of the same dies. Reverse cracked up. Ex. Fine, defective planchet; minor scratches.
- 709 A third. Different dies; three rays, the middle one heavy, almost touch horizontal of L. Very Fine or better, lightly bag marked; several rim nicks, of no importance.
- 710 A fourth. Still different dies; sharp point of a heavy ray touches left base of I. Brilliant **Uncirculated**; quality about like lot 707, planchet a bit defective. Important and very valuable in this remarkable preservation! **Plate**
- 711 1837. 8 Escudos. Similar type. Assayer L.M. F-20. Just about Ex. Fine. Not unattractive!
- 712 1838. 8 Escudos. As last. Same assayer. F-20. Ex. Fine or so, slightly defective planchet.
On this and the preceding (1837), dies not as elaborately cut either in rays or in details of mountains, as on 1835. This could be called a type change, though a minor one.
- 713 1840. 8 Escudos. As last. Assayer L.R. F-20. Bright **Uncirculated**, choice; brilliantly polished dies. With traces of bag handling marks here and there, and showing faint evidence of cabinet friction, but in a class with lots 707 and 710, and equally important. **Plate**
- 714 1852/1. ½ Escudo. Laur. head of Bolivar, name on neck. Rev. As preceding. Assayer F.P. F-35. Better than EF, pierced above head.
- 715 1854. Commemorative 1 Escudo, medalllic. Obv. Head of Belzu in clouds, wreath below. M. Y. BELZU PRESIDENTE CONSTITUCIONAL. POTOSI 1854. Rev. Mother and three naked children, cornucopia to left. LA PATRIA AL YLUSTRE DEFENSOR DE SU INDEPENDENCIA. Diagonally reeded edge, as on regular coins of the period. Not in Friedberg. Close to Unc. Rare.
- 716 1868. ½ Escudo. Ornate arms. Rev. Value, weight and fineness in wreath; date below. Assayer F.E. F-38. Ex. Fine to About Unc. Very rare; records supposedly to \$115.00.
- 717 **BRAZIL**. Portuguese Kings. **John V** (1707-1750). 1725. **20,000 Reis**. National system. Arms. Rev. Cross of Jerusalem; M's (Minas Geraes mint) in angles. Ornamented edge. **F-19**. Ex. Fine, lustrous; the largest of all Brazilian gold coins (larger and heavier than a double eagle) and highly impressive. A beauty. Valued in Friedberg at \$300.00. **Plate**
- 718 1725. 10,000 Reis. National system. Same type as last; edge as last. Minas mint. F-20. Very Fine, sharp. Lists at \$150.00.
- 719 1726/5. 4,000 Reis. Similar. Rio mint; R's in angles of cross. Diagonally reeded edge. F-21. Very Fine or better.
- 720 1728. **12,800 Reis**. Head r., date and R (Rio) below; periods after date and mmk. Rev. Crowned arms. **F-35**. Very Fine. Valued at \$250.00. **Plate**
- 721 1731. **12,800 Reis**. As last, M mint; periods before and after date and mmk. Rusty obv. die. **F-37**. Very Fine for coin, reverse sharper than obverse. Not quite as rare as the last. **Plate**
- 722 1732. **12,800 Reis**. As preceding in all respects except date; obv. die slightly rusty. Brilliant, choice **Uncirculated**. This beautiful coin shows only the faintest hint of cabinet friction on obverse; it was evidently displayed in an old-fashioned cabinet with the magnificent reverse uppermost. The finest of these we have seen! Splendid companion to the Raymond piece illustrated in GC. **Plate**
- 723 1749. **3,200 Reis**. Similar, R mmk. Periods only after date and mmk. **F-41**. Fine obv., VF reverse. Planchet slightly defective. A \$150.—\$175. coin!
- 724 **Joseph I** (1750-1777). 1771. 2,000 Reis. Colonial system. Arms. Rev. Plain cross in quadrilobe; no mintmark (Rio). F-61. Very Fine, adjustment marks.
- 725 1776. 6,400 Reis. National system. Bust. Rev. Arms, similar to lots 720-723. R mmk. F-52. Very Fine, lustrous.
- 726 **Maria I and Peter III** (1777-1786). 1778. 2,000 Reis. Colonial system; type of lot 724. F-69. Sharpness of VF; minute scraping and possible small edge repair, all requiring a glass to be plain.
- 727 1778. 1,000 Reis. Colonial system. Similar to preceding. F-70. Would be VF but holed at lower left of shield.
- 728 1779. 6,400 Reis. National system. Conjoined busts. Rev. Arms, type of lot 723. R mmk. F-63. Very Fine.

- 729 1779. 4,000 Reis. Colonial system. Type of lot 727. F-68. Ex. Fine or better, obverse planchet defect.
- 730 Maria I alone (1786-1805). 1792. 6,400 Reis. National system. Bust in decorative headdress. Rev. Arms. R mmk. F-73. Ex. Fine, lustrous.
In this year 1792 the queen went mad and a regency was set up under her son John.
- 731 Empire. Peter I (1823-1831). 1823. 4,000 Reis. Small bust l. in naval uniform. Rev. Arms. R mmk. F-87, but different reverse die; value spaced 4 000. VF or better, lustrous. Valued in Friedberg at \$175.00. Plate
- 732 Peter II (1831-1889). 1832. 6,400 Reis. Child head r. Rev. Arms. R mmk. F-89. Very Fine. Lists at \$125.00.
- 733 1850. 20,000 Reis. Bust in Coronation uniform. Rev. Arms. No mark of value. F-93. About EF, minutely but extensively bag marked.
- 734 1851. 20,000 Reis. As preceding. F-93. Ex. Fine, sharp. Like the previous lot, valued at \$125.00.
- 735 1852. 20,000 Reis. Bearded head l. Rev. Arms. F-95. EF or so; few rim bruises, rev. minutely bag marked.
- 736 1854. 10,000 Reis. As last. F-96. Better than EF; very sharp, lustrous.
- 737 1856. 20,000 Reis. Similar. F-95. Ex. Fine or so, a couple of rim nicks.
- 738 1889. 20,000 Reis. Identical. Better than EF, brilliant and frosty. Popular last year.
- 739 Duplicate. Almost EF; the reverse superior, fully equal to that on the last.
- 740 Republic. 1889. 20,000 Reis. Bust l. Rev. Southern Cross constellation. F-98. Very Fine, bold, somewhat bag marked. A very popular, strong selling coin!
- 741 CHILE. Ferdinand VI. 1750. 8 Escudos. Similar to the Mexican doubloons of the period, but HIGHER RELIEF, LARGER DIAMETER than any to follow. Assayer J. See F-5. Very Fine, lustrous, weak in centers as often. Marked \$170.00.
Mmk. o above S, Santiago mint, on all Chilean coins.
- 742 1753. 8 Escudos. Similar, smaller. Star hangs from order. Assayer J. F-5. VF to EF, obverse die broken and bulged.
- 743 1754. 8 Escudos. As last. Assayer J. F-5 (as are the four following). Obv. die bulged. VF or better.
- 744 1756. 8 Escudos. Identical except for date. VF, lustrous. These large, early-period coins will never be cheaper!
- 745 1758/7. 8 Escudos. As last, but fleece hangs from order. Rev. Top of crown touches left part of G. Assayer J. Strictly Very Fine.
- 746 Another 1758/7. Same obverse die, different reverse; top of crown almost touches center bottom of G. Same assayer. Very Fine, bright, lustrous.
- 747 1759. 8 Escudos. As preceding. Assayer J. Just Very Fine.
- 748 Charles III. 1763. 8 Escudos. Bust of Ferdinand VI. Rev. Arms. Assayer J. F-9. VF or better, bright; obverse bag marked and not as sharp as reverse. Lists \$150.00.
- 749 1780. 8 Escudos. Bust of Charles III. Rev. Arms, value. Assayer DA. F-14 (as are the next two). Very Fine or so, weak strike.
- 750 1787. 8 Escudos. As last. VF or better, highly lustrous, but similarly struck.
- 751 1788. 8 Escudos. Identical except for date. VF, highly lustrous; planchet very defective.
- 752 Charles IV. 1802. 1 Escudo. Bust. Rev. Arms. Assayer J.J. F-27. Fine, reverse better than obverse. A \$25. coin!
- 753 1804. 8 Escudos. Bust of Charles III. Rev. Arms. Assayer F.J. F-21. Very Fine, adjustment marks; chip out of rev. planchet as made, a few bag marks.
- 754 1805. 8 Escudos. As last. F-21. F/VF; small "x" scratched in obverse field, small reverse dent.
- 755 Ferdinand VII. 1809. 8 Escudos. Large uniformed bust fills field. Rev. Arms. Assayer F.J. F-28. VF, fairly clean. Lists \$125., as a distinctive type coin!
- 756 1810. 8 Escudos. As last, same assayer. Wide date; 810 about evenly spaced, 1 8 far apart. Very Fine, as last.
- 757 1810. 8 Escudos. Similar. Very wide date; 1 8 1 about equally far apart, 10 closer. Also Very Fine, and worth as much as the last two.
- 758 1814. 8 Escudos. Bust of Charles IV. Rev. Arms. Assayer F.J. F-29. Better than VF, lustrous, weak on head. Reverse planchet defects as made.

- 759 1817. 8 Escudos. Similar. Same assayer. Brilliant **Uncirculated**. Weak at centers, the planchet a bit defective upon the obverse, but a beauty. Exceptional! Plate
- 760 Republic. 1819. 8 Escudos. Sun, mountains and volcanoes. Rev. Crossed flags. Assayer F.D. F-33. Fine. Valued at \$100.00.
- 761 1833. 8 Escudos. As last. Assayer I. F-33. VF, but with traces of a removable gummy deposit.
- 762 1834. 8 Escudos. Identical, but for date. Very Fine, adjustment marks.
- 763 1834. **4 Escudos**. Similar. Assayer I.J. F-34. Barely Fine, clean. Rarer than the three previously described doubloons, although also valued by Friedberg at \$100.00.
- 764 1834. 2 Escudos. As last. Assayer I.J. F-35, but different dies from the coin pictured in Friedberg. Very Good, clean. Worth \$50., or more.
- 765 1836. 8 Escudos. Hand on book of Constitution. Rev. Arms. Assayer I.J. F-37. Better than VF, few adjustment marks; planchet defect at hand. In the \$100. class!
- 766 1838. 8 Escudos. Identical, but for date. Better than EF, brilliant; unevenly struck. A splendid and impressive example!
- 767 1838. 2 Escudos. Similar. Assayer I.J. F-39. Very Fine plus, lustrous.
- 768 1844. 1 Escudo. Liberty as Pallas Athene, standing at altar. Rev. Arms. F-44. VG to Fine, defective flan. Supposedly cost \$28.50.
- 769 1851. 8 Escudos. Liberty standing by column on which is open book (obv. type of F-45). Rev. Arms. Assayer L.A. Misidentified by Friedberg as his No. 41, this is actually Raymond's FOURTH TYPE, found on coins dated 1847-51 (GC, top p. 84). Fine.
- 770 1859/8. 10 Pesos. Obverse similar to last, value in exergue. Rev. Arms, smaller crest. F-45. Obv. VF, rev. Fine.
- 771 1863. 1 Peso. Obverse similar, mintmark in exergue. Rev. Value in wreath. F-48. About Very Fine, obv. rim nick.
- 772 1875. 2 Pesos. Type of lot 770. F-47. Brilliant Uncirculated; rather softly and unevenly struck. Unusual condition!
- 773 1895. 10 Pesos. Liberty head in cap. Rev. Arms. F-49. Brilliant Unc., mediocre strike, like the last.
- 774 1926. 100 Pesos = 10 Condores. Bust of Liberty I., coiled hair. Rev. Arms. F-54. Brilliant Unc., prooflike, choice though softly struck.
- 775 1926. 50 Pesos = 5 Condores. Similar. F-55. Brilliant Unc., lightly bag marked.
- 776 Another. Identical, a bit more bag marked. Selling to \$25.00.
- 777 1926. 20 Pesos = 2 Condores. Similar. F-56. Same grade.
- 778 1954. 100 Pesos = 10 Condores. Same type, but sans-serif lettering. Brilliant, choice Unc.
- 779 **COLOMBIA. Ferdinand VI. 1757. 2 Escudos. Bust r. Rev. Arms. N.R. mintmark (Santa Fe de Bogota). Assayer S. F-6. Mostly Fine. A \$50. coin!**
- 780 **Charles III. 1761. 8 Escudos. Bust of Ferdinand VI. Rev. Arms. N.R. mmk. Assayer J.V. F-10. Ex. Fine or so, highly lustrous. RR. Lists at \$200.00. Plate Legend CAROLS. III. (This spelling only on this and the next three.)**
- 781 1762. **4 Escudos**. As preceding. PN mintmark (Popayan). Assayer J. F-13. VF; flan defects, adjustment marks. RR. Lists at \$125.00.
- 782 1769/7. 8 Escudos. Similar. PN mmk. Assayer J. F-11. VF, weak at borders. RR. Lists \$150.00.
- 783 1771. 8 Escudos. Similar. PN mmk. Assayer J. F-11. Very Fine or better. Worth about as much as preceding.
- 784 1789/8. 8 Escudos. Legend CAROL III. His bust. Rev. Arms and value. P mintmark (also for Popayan). Assayer SF. F-23. VF/ EF, bright. This IDENTICAL SPECIMEN pictured in Wayne Raymond's GC, top p. 54; therefore presumably ex Raymond or Newcomer.
- 785 **Charles IV. 1789. 2 Escudos. Legend CAROL IV. Bust of Charles III. Rev. Arms. P mmk. Assayer SF. F-35. Very Fine. Records to \$50.00.**
- 786 1790. 8 Escudos. As last, but mintmark NR monogrammed (Bogota). Assayer J.J. F-30. Very Fine, some lustre. Lists \$125.00.

- 787 Another, as last but mintmark P. Assayer SF. F-31. Very Fine, faint scratches. Worth about as much as lot 786.
- 788 1790. 4 Escudos. Similar. Same mintmark and assayer. F-33. VF to EF, lustrous. This and the last three are "transitional" coins. Worth \$100. or more!
- 789 1800. 8 Escudos. CAROL IIII. His bust. Rev. Arms. N.R. mmk. Assayer J.J. F-38. Close to EF for coin; lustrous, unevenly and rather softly struck.
- 790 Ferdinand VII. 1808. 8 Escudos. Bust of Charles IV. Rev. As before. NR mmk. Assayer J.F. F-46. Very Fine, slightly defective planchet.
- 791 1816. 8 Escudos. Similar. PN mmk. Assayer F.R. F-47. Seemingly EF, plugged at top of head with supreme skill — a remarkable job of restoration. An excellent piece for inexpensive display or jewelry.
- 792 Republic. 1826. 1 Peso. Draped bust of Liberty I. Rev. Fasces between crossed cornucopiae, BOGOTA above. Assayer J.F. F-59. Fine, traces of gummy deposit on reverse.
- 793 1827. 8 Escudos. Similar; POPAYAN above. Second A in POPAYAN over an N. Assayer F.M. F-54. Mostly Fine, light reverse field scratches; head weakly struck as almost always.
- 794 1835. 8 Escudos. As last, BOGOTA above. Assayer R.S. F-53. VF or so, nicked and dented; loop skilfully removed. Another space filler!
- 795 1836. 8 Escudos. As last, POPAYAN above. Assayer U.R. F-54. Obv. Fine, rev. VF, lustrous; the obverse with flakes out of planchet as made.
- 796 Republic of Nueva Granada. 1837. 16 Pesos (size of 8 Escudos). Different draped bust. Rev. Arms, eagle above; DIEZ I SEIS PESOS POPAYAN. R.U. F-61. Fine or better; weak on head, but with traces of lustre. Vertically reeded edge, unlike earlier issues.
- 797 1838. 16 Pesos. Identical, but for date. Ex. Fine or better, much frosty lustre; planchet very defective. A remarkable example of this coin!
- 798 1838. 1 Peso. Similar, BOGOTA. Assayer R.S. F-63. Fine, obverse planchet split.
- 799 1839. 16 Pesos. As last, same assayer. Signed A.G. in relief on truncation — a feature we have not seen before. Unusually finely executed dies. Type of F-60. Brilliant, choice Uncirculated; beautifully frosty, with relatively few signs of mint abrasion. Exceptional, and in this preservation doubtless RR. POSSIBLY A PATTERN OR PRESENTATION PIECE? Plate
- 800 1842. 1 Peso. Similar, BOGOTA. Unsgd. F-63. Brilliant, lustrous Uncirculated. Would be a "gem" but for a small bag mark on cheek.
- 801 1843. 16 Pesos. As previous type; POPAYAN. Assayer U.M. F-61. Better than EF, brilliant. Highly desirable!
- 802 1846. 16 Pesos. Another; POPAYAN. Assayer U.E. Ex. Fine; rust pits in die, minor obverse nicks and a small test mark on edge.
- 803 1858. 2 Pesos. NUEVA GRANADA. Liberty head I. Rev. P (Popayan). PESO G. 3,225 (weight) above; LEI 0,900 (fineness) below; value in wreath. F-69. Fine obv., VF reverse; adjustment marks, small test mark in edge. Lists \$50.00.
- 804 United States of Colombia. 1871. 2 Pesos. Liberty head. Rev. Arms, value and mint name. Medellin mint. F-92. Fine or better.
- 805 1874. 1 Peso. Liberty head. Rev. Condor and mint name. Bogota. F-95. About Very Fine.
- 806 1878. 1 Peso. Bogota. As last, overstruck on another specimen; 187 of date visible on neck. About Very Fine.
- 807 Republic. 1913. 2½ Pesos. Workman chipping at rock. Rev. Arms. F-97. VF or so, bag marked. Lists at \$75.00.
- 808 1920. 5 Pesos. Large head of Bolivar. Rev. Arms. Mintmark A, but this is not Paris mint work. Type of F-99. Unc., very softly and shallowly struck.
- 809 ECUADOR (as part of Colombia). 1835. 1 Doblon = 2 Escudos. Draped bust of Liberty I. Rev. Sun and two mountains, condor on each. Quito mint (as following, except as noted). Assayer G.J. F-1. Brilliant, very close to Unc., bag marked. Slightly sharper struck than the piece illustrated in GC or Friedberg; truly a remarkable specimen of this coin. Worth \$75. so fine!
- 810 Republic. 1836. 4 Escudos. Similar obverse. Rev. Sun and zodiac over three mountains, castle on left one. Assayer F.P. F-4. Fine or better, clean. Lists \$75., and is not overpriced at that!

- 811 1841. **8 Escudos**. Type as last. Assayer M.V. **F-3**. Ex. Fine, much mint brilliance. Edge irregularities, apparently as made. A beautiful example of this rarity! **Plate**
- 812 1843. **8 Escudos**. Identical, but for date. Very Fine, weak on head. A \$150. coin! **Plate**
- 813 1855/52. **8 Escudos**. Head of Bolivar left, name below. Rev. Arms divide value. Assayer G.J. **F-8**. Fine to VF in appearance; a very weak strike from cracked dies, the obverse heavily broken at rim left of date. RRR. Lists only at \$175.00. **Plate**
- 814 1900. 10 Sucres. Head of General Sucre. Rev. Arms. Sgd. J.M.; BIRMINGHAM mint. **F-10**. Ex. Fine or so; reverse nicer than obverse.
- 815 1928. **1 Condor**. Head of Bolivar. Rev. Arms. BIRMINGHAM mint. **F-11**. Brilliant Unc., a first-strike. Lists \$50.00.
- 816 **PERU. Ferdinand VI. 1751. 8 Escudos**. Large bust, flowing wig. Rev. Arms. Lima mint (on all except as noted). Assayer J. **F-14**. Just about Ex. Fine. Lists \$150.00.
- 817 1752. **8 Escudos**. As last. Assayer J. **F-14**. Ex. Fine, much mint brilliance. Sharper than the piece ill. in GC; different dies. A splendid coin!
- 818 1755. **8 Escudos**. Small bust, smaller order, star below fleece (1754-56). Rev. Without mark of value. Assayer J.M. **F-19**. Very Fine, adjustment marks.
- 819 1758. **8 Escudos**. As last, but fleece below star (1757-60). Assayer J.M. **F-19**. Obv. Fine, rev. VF, small edge bruise.
- 820 1759. **8 Escudos**. Identical, but for date. VF, weak on curls; appreciable mint lustre. At \$150., these early pieces are far from overpriced.
- 821 1759. **2 Escudos**. Similar. **F-21**. VF, shanks removed from reverse. Rare, in any condition.
- 822 **Charles IV. 1789. 8 Escudos**. Legend CAROL IV. Bust of Charles III. Rev. Arms. Assayer I.V. **F-35**. VF, a couple of rim nicks. A "transitional" type!
- 823 1792. **8 Escudos**. CAROL IIII. His bust. Rev. Arms. Assayer I.J. **F-39**. Same grade, perhaps a bit more lustrous.
- 824 1794. **8 Escudos**. Identical to last save for date. **F-39**. VF-EF, planchet defects above head.
- 825 **Ferdinand VII. 1811. 8 Escudos**. Bust in uniform. Rev. Arms. Assayer J.P. **F-43**. VF, reverse EF; planchet defective. Very scarce type; lists \$150.00.
- 826 1813. **8 Escudos**. Small draped bust. Rev. Arms. Assayer J.P. **F-48**. Fine / VF, weak on head; clean, save for several small edge nicks. Well worth \$100.00.
- 827 1819. **8 Escudos**. Head r., laureate. Same assayer. **F-52**. VF, edge nicks, traces of a removable gummy deposit.
- 828 1824. **8 Escudos**. Similar. **Cº** mintmark (Cuzco). Assayer G. **F-53**. Obv. VF, rev. EF, much brilliance; weak on head. Far, far finer than the miserably struck example illustrated in Raymond's 1937 work. Valued by Friedberg at \$300., records higher. **Plate**
- 829 **Republic. 1831. 8 Escudos**. Liberty standing, holding shield and pole with cap. Rev. Arms; REPUBLICA PERUANA **CUZCO** G. and date. **F-61**. A brilliant, **Uncirculated** "gem"! Prooflike, exceptional and very rare in any condition. **Plate**
- 830 Another, from the identical dies. Same condition, same quality; obverse planchet defective (as made). Worth as much as preceding. **Plate**
- 831 **State of South Peru. 1837. 8 Escudos**. Sun and flags. ESTADO SUD PERUANO • CUZCO ANO DE 1837. Rev. Volcano, castle, etc. FIRME POR LA UNION; **FEDERACION** below. Assayer B.A. Edge: DIOS PROTEGE EL ESTADO. Type of **F-85**; identical obverse, different reverse. Pole just misses S in ESTADO; berry under center of A in LA. Bright **Uncirculated**; unevenly struck. Very rare, particularly so fine. **Plate**
- 832 Another. Same general type; different dies. Pole overlaps base of S in ESTADO; berry under r. foot of A in LA. Reverse same die as that illustrated in **F-85**. A faint rub away from full Mint State; defective planchet. **RR. Plate**
- 833 Similar **8 Escudos**. 1838. **REPUBLICA SUD PERUANA** and date. Rev. As preceding, but **CONFEDERACION** at bottom in small letters. Assayer M.S. Like **F-86**, but different dies. Ex. Fine or better, much mint lustre. Rare — in the \$150. class, particularly in this choice condition.

- 834 **Republic.** (Regular issues continued.) **1840. 8 Escudos.** Type of lot 829 but mintmark **CUZ**, an o superimposed on the Z. Assayer A. F-61. Barely short of **Uncirculated**; struck from polished dies. Rare. Unusual condition; worth an unusual price!
- 835 1851. 2 Escudos. Similar; Lima. Assayer M.B. F-63. Very Good to Fine.
- 836 1863. 8 Escudos. Liberty seated; head turned to observer's left. Sgd. BRITTEN on base. Rev. Arms. Fineness given as 21 Quilates (=Carats). Assayer Y.B. F-66. Brilliant **Uncirculated**; uneven and rather soft strike. Exceptionally desirable!
- 837 1863. 20 Soles (same size as preceding 8 Escudos). Obverse as last, but 20 SOLES in exergue; no signature on base. Rev. As last, but fineness given as 9 Decimos. F-68. Better than VF, lustrous; possibly a weakly struck EF.
- 838 1863. 5 Soles. Similar to last. F-70. EF or so, lustrous.
- 839 1907. ½ Libra. Indian head r. Rev. Arms. F-77. Brilliant Unc., an early strike from dies retaining polish; minute rim handling marks.
- 840 1910. 5 Soles. Arms; signed R below. Rev. Motto. F-79. Very Fine.
- 841 1914. 1/5 Libra. Type of lot 839. F-78. VF-EF.
- 842 1919. 1 Libra. As last. F-76. Brilliant Unc. Lists at \$25.00.
- 843 1920. 1/5 Libra. Type of preceding. F-78. Ex. Fine, lustrous.
- 844 **TIERRA DEL FUEGO.** Coins struck by Julius Popper in El Paramo. **1889. 5 Gramos.** Name POPPER, crossed hammer and pickaxe; all within circle. Rev. Value in similar circle; LAVADEROS DE ORO DEL SUD (Gold panners of the south) around. Reeded edge. F-1. Extremely Fine. RR. Lists \$250.00. Plate
- 845 **1889. 1 Gramo.** Similar, but reverse reads EL PARAMO UN GRAMO around; in center, crossed hammer and pickaxe and AU 864 AG (the G inverted) 132 — evidently referring to the alloy. Plain edge. F-2. Ex. Fine; flan severely defective at edge, as made. Also RR.
- 846 **URUGUAY. 1930. 5 Pesos.** Head of Artigas r. Rev. Value, branches, date; CENTENARIO DE 1830. Paris mint. F-6. Really Unc., but numerous tiny mint abrasions. Only coin of this country ordinarily available. Lists \$100.00.

FOREIGN GOLD COINS

- 847 **AUSTRALIA.** Victoria (1837-1901). **1855.** Half Sovereign. Young head, title, date. Rev. Crown, AUSTRALIA in wreath; SYDNEY MINT above; HALF SOVEREIGN below. Type of F-10, but this date not listed in Friedberg. Extremely Fine. Rare.
The earliest date listed by Friedberg, for the Half Sovereign, is 1856.
- 848 1865. Sovereign. Similar, but ONE SOVEREIGN below. F-9. Ex. Fine, tiny rim nicks.
- 849 **CZECHOSLOVAKIA.** 1923. 1 Ducat. Half length figure of St. Wenceslas. Rev. Arms. Without numeral at date. F-2. Brilliant Unc., "gem."
- 850 **EGYPT.** Farouk (1937-52). 1938. 100 Piastres. Military bust. Rev. Legend. F-31. Brilliant Unc., a few minute bag marks.
- 851 1938. 50 Piastres. Similar. F-32. Brill. Unc., choice.
- 852 Duplicate 50 Piastres. Bright Uncirculated. About the quality of lot 850. Should bring \$22.50, like the last.
- 853 1938. 20 Piastres. Similar. F-33. Same grade and quality as last.
- 854 **ETHIOPIA.** Menelik II (1889-1913). n.d. 1 Wark. Crowned head. Rev. Lion of Judah. F-19. Unc., edge irregularities as made; rather unevenly struck. Lists \$75.00.
- 855 n.d. ½ Wark. As last. F-20. Brilliant Unc., nicer than last though hardly a "gem."
- 856 n.d. ¼ Wark. As last. F-21. Light rim break. Brilliant Unc., choice.
- 857 Another ¼ Wark, as last; without the rim break. Brilliant Unc., somewhat bag marked.
- 858 Haile Selassie. 1931. ½ Wark. Crowned bust l. Rev. St. George slaying dragon. F-27. Better than EF. Lists \$125.00.
- 859 **GERMAN EAST AFRICA.** 1916. 15 Rupees. Elephant. Rev. Eagle. T (Tabora) mint. F-1. Ex. Fine. Rare, in demand.

- 860 **GREAT BRITAIN.** George I (1714-27). 1718. ¼ Guinea. Laureate head. Rev. Cross of four shields. F-193. Better than EF, reverse nearer to Unc. A little beauty.
- 861 George III (1760-1820). 1810. ½ Guinea. Head laureate. Rev. Crown, date below. F-222. Mostly brilliant Unc. Obverse softly struck, rev. with many striations; a few bag marks.
- 862 George IV (1820-30). 1825. ½ Sovereign. Laur. head. Rev. Arms, ANNO 1825. F-232. Brilliant Unc., minute bag marks; border not well struck up.
- 863 1828. Half Sovereign. Plain head. Rev. Arms. F-233. Brilliant Unc., slightly better quality than last.
- 864 William IV (1830-37). 1831. **Pattern Half Sovereign.** Head r. Rev. Crowned ornate arms without drapery or order; ANNO 1831 below. Plain edge. Brilliant Proof, minute field nick. RR. **Plate**
Cf. Spink's Numismatic Circular I, 1956, No. 351; Montagu 1085; compare Murdoch 462.
- 865 Edward VII and Queen Alexandra. Coronation medal, 9 August 1902. His bust. Rev. Her bust. Plain edge. 31mm. More or less Unc., tiny field nick. Worth \$37.50.
- 866 **INDIA.** Hindustan: Moghul Emperors. Akbar (1556-1605). 1 Mohur. Square. Native legend either side. Date A.H. 988 = A.D. 1580. F-11. Ex. Fine or so. Lists \$65.00.
- 867 British East India Co. Madras: Circa 1750-1800. 1 Pagoda. Vishnu standing. Rev. Star, grains around. F-5. Very Fine. Lists \$25.00.
- 868 Southern India: Kadambas of Northern Mysore. Padma (=Lotus) Tanka, 12th-13th Century. Lotus flowers and abstract designs punched in several times. Uniface. Not in Friedberg. VF. Unusual.
Attributions of the above three lots have been checked at the American Numismatic Society.
- 869 **Bikanir.** Maharajah Sri Ganga Singhji. Date 1994 Samvat = A.D. 1933. 1 Mohur. Bust facing. Rev. Symbols in circles and legend. F-1. Practically Unc., brilliant; reverse particularly beautiful. Lists \$100.00.
Friedberg dates this coin 1937 in error.
- 870 British Sovereigns. Victoria. 1862. Mohur. Thin face, title of Queen. Rev. Value. F-4. Very Fine, nicked up. Cheap at \$20.00.
- 871 **JAPAN.** Meiji Era (1867-1912). **Mutsuhito.** Year 3 = 1870. 20 Yen. Dragon. Rev. Wreath over crossed banners. **F-45.** Practically Unc., brilliant and choice. Lists \$200.00. **Plate**
Legends read 2 x 10 Yen / Dai Nippon Meiji San (=3) Nen (=Year).
- 872 5 Yen. Year 6 = 1873. Similar. F-47. Brilliant Unc.
- 873 Another 5 Yen. Also year 6 = 1873. As last. Ex. Fine.
- 874 2 Yen. Year 3 = 1870. Extensively cracked dies. F-48. Practically Unc.
- 875 Another 2 Yen. Also year 3 = 1870. As last. Same grade.
- 876 1 Yen. Year 4 = 1871. Value in Japanese, era and date around. Rev. Wreath over crossed banners as on larger coins. F-49. Brilliant Unc.
- 877 Another 1 Yen. Also year 4 = 1871. As last. Ex. Fine, lustrous.
- 878 Reduced size coins. 10 Yen. Year 31 = 1898. Radiant sun. Rev. Value in wreath, chrysanthemum above. F-51. Ex. Fine, traces of cleaning.
- 879 Taisho Era (1912-26). Yoshihito. Year 2 = 1913. 20 Yen. Similar to last. F-53. EF-AU, brilliant. Worth \$50.00.
Legends read 2 x 10 Yen / Dai Nippon Taisho Ni (= 2) Nen (= Year).
- 880 **LIECHTENSTEIN.** Franz Josef II and Gina. 1956. 50 and 25 Franken. Conjoined busts. Rev. Arms. F-19, 20. Brilliant Unc., "gems." In original case of issue. Should realize \$50.00. 2 Pcs.
- 881 **NETHERLANDS.** Wilhelmina (1890-1948). 1911. 10 Guilders. Older head with coronet. Rev. Arms. F-22. Ex. Fine or so.
- 882 1912. 10 Guilders. Similar. Close to AU. Valued to \$15., like the last.
- 883 1912. 5 Guilders. Same type; this date only. F-23. Ex. Fine.
- 884 Another, same grade.
- 885 A third, same grade.
- 886 A fourth, same grade. This denomination currently selling for a too-low \$10.—\$12.50.

- 887 1932. 10 Guilders. Mature head, no coronet. Rev. Similar to preceding. F-24. More or less Unc., scratch on cheek.
- 888 **PERSIA.** Muzaffar-ed-Din (1896-1907). AH 1322 = 1904. 2 Tomans. Birthday commemorative. Uniformed bust facing partly left, characters l. and r. of head. Rev. Legend in wreath. F-65. VF to EF. Lists \$60.00.
- 889 Ahmed (1909-25). AH 1337 = 1919. 1 Toman. Bust in plumed hat dividing date. Rev. Legend in wreath. F-85. VF, polished in field.
- 890 Riza Khan Pahlevi (1925-41). AH 1308 = 1930. 2 Pahlevi. Bust partly r. Rev. Legend in wreath. F-97. Brilliant Unc.
- 891 Mohammed Riza Pahlevi. AH 1320 = 1942. ½ Pahlevi. Lion and sword, crown above, wreath around. Rev. Inscription and date. Type of F-102, but this date not listed in Friedberg. Brilliant Unc. Presumably rare.
The earliest date listed by Friedberg, for both the 1 and ½ Pahlevi pieces, is 1944.
- 892 **PRUSSIA.** William I (1861-88). 1873. 20 Marks. Head r. "First Reverse." Mintmark B. F-66. Very Fine.
- 893 Frederick III. 1888. 20 Marks. Head r. "Second Reverse." Mintmark A. F-80. EF plus. Only year.
- 894 Another. As last. Ex. Fine or so.
- 895 William II (1888-1918). 1909. 20 Marks. Head r. "Third Reverse." Mintmark A. F-83. Ex. Fine, first-strike; traces of lacquer (use acetone).
- 896 **RUSSIA.** Alexander III (1881-94). 1888. 5 Rubles. Head r. Rev. Eagle. F-125. Very Fine.
- 897 1892. 5 Rubles. As last. Better than VF. Worth \$20., like the last.
- 898 Nicholas II (1894-1917). 1898. 5 Rubles. Head l. Rev. Eagle. Reduced size. F-138. Very Fine average; obverse weak, rev. nearer EF.
- 899 1899. 5 Rubles. As last. Very Fine plus.
- 900 1900. 5 Rubles. As last. Similar grade.
- 901 **SPAIN.** Isabella II (1833-68). 1868. 10 Escudos. Draped laureated bust. Rev. Draped crowned arms. F-150. A bag marked first-strike, minute rim nicks.
- 902 Alfonso XII (1875-85). 1880. 25 Pesetas. Young head. Rev. Arms. F-156. Mostly Unc., bag marked. Another item, like the last, ultra-reasonable at \$15.00.
- 903 **SWITZERLAND.** 1935. 20 Francs. Girl head and Alps. Rev. Shield. F-6. Unc.
- 904 **TUNISIA.** French Protectorate. 1892. 20 Francs. Arab legend in wreath. Rev. French name, value and date. F-12. Close to Unc., minor obv. rim bruise.

UNITED STATES GOLD COINS

The Property of Various Consignors

- 905 **Gold Dollars. 1851 "C".** Very Fine plus, some lustre. GUIDE BOOK, \$70.00.
Dies of lot 930, our Fifty-Fourth sale, and lot 371 earlier; early state.
- 906 1853. Better than Ex. Fine. Nearly full mint sharpness and lustre, but a number of pinpoint obverse nicks.
- 907 1854. Type 1. Ex. Fine or so, traces of lacquer.
Die of lot 378 earlier.
- 908 1857. Just Very Fine.
Apparently die of lot 951, our Fifty-Fourth sale.
- 909 1858. Normal final 8 and leaf r. of date. Also Very Fine.
- 910 **1858 "S".** Very Fine or so. Slightly bent, the reverse much scratched up. This coin is actually better looking than it sounds, and should be examined.
Mintage 10,000.
- 911 **1859 "D".** Very Fine or better. Lustrous, but severely scratched up at bust point and above denomination. Space filler.
- 912 1873. **Closed 3.** Ex. Fine or better. A brilliant first-strike, showing a few light scratches. Very rare, records above \$50.00.
Mintage 1,800.
- 913 1883. Better than Ex. Fine. Full sharpness, but the obverse scratched up, reverse hairlined.
- 914 1885. Brilliant Unc., choice; granular at borders as made. Finer than Neumayer's at \$55.00.

- 915 1887. Brilliant Unc., choice but not quite "gem" grade.
- 916 1888. DOLLAR recut. Brill. Unc., select; a few bag marks away from Superb. Record \$50. in the Stack-Straus sale, a year and a half ago.
- 917 **Quarter Eagles.** 1834. No motto. Small head. Adams 4; Clapp 2; Newcomer 700. Very Fine, some original first-strike surface, granular; small "x" in obverse field.
- 918 Another, from the same dies. VF, some small rim nicks.
- 919 Similar. Large or "booby" head; curl almost touches 4. Rev. A M well apart. A-5; C-3; N-702. Ex. Fine or so, brilliant and frosty. This coin displays less than the usual number of bag marks, but it is not absolutely clean.
- 920 Another, from the same dies. Not quite VF. Clean, even wear.
- 921 Similar. Obv. as preceding, rev. with thinner stem to berry, AM close together. A-3; C-4; N-701. VF, some obverse lustre.
- 922 1835. C-3. Reverse as last. VF or so, centers granular; some lustre around stars.
- 923 1836. Head of '35. C-4. Brilliant Unc., but with a plain scratch in field on either side. Unusual condition!
Cracked from edge through 6th star, L to center, then at an angle to chin; another crack from edge between 12th and 13th stars to hair. Rev. Cracks through various letters.
- 924 Another, from the same dies. Just Very Fine.
- 925 1836. Head of '37. C-5. Very Fine; not too bold in centers, but clean and nice.
- 926 Another, from the same dies. VF, some light nicks, one on rim.
- 927 1837. C-2. VF, lightly bent; several obverse nicks. Not as bad as it sounds!
Die of lot 270 earlier.
- 928 1838. C-1. VF / Fine, fairly clean and bright.
Die of lot 271 earlier.
- 929 Another, from the same dies. Obverse nearly VF, rev. Fine. Small reverse rim nick.
- 930 **1839 "C".** Normal date, 3 first cut too low and than corrected, 9 recut. Obv. Fine, rev. VG or better, nicked and scratched but not seriously. Record for a sharper one, \$70. in the Stack-Straus sale.
Apparently one of the 7,413 struck late in 1839; cf. lot 273 earlier. Die of Melish 1134-5.
- 931 **1842 "O".** A very hard coin to grade, this is very weakly struck but shows considerable mint frost, together with a few minute bag marks and some reverse adjustment marks. Should be seen.
Mintage 19,800. Nearly equal to the Neumoyer coin at \$45.00.
- 932 1843. Ex. Fine or so, minutely nicked.
- 933 1843 "O". Small date. Close to EF, traces of lustre; light reverse handling marks.
Cracked from eagle to M to border, edge to NITE, edge to wing tip at left. Rust pits on neck and in reverse field, and on serrated border below large D.
- 934 1843 "O". **Large date;** base of mintmark recut (only the one variety). Very Fine average. That in our Fifty-Fourth sale brought \$35.00.
- 935 Another. Fine, reverse weaker than obverse. Very scarce.
- 936 1845. Normal date. Ex. Fine, quite lustrous.
Obverse cracked through 3rd to 5th stars.
- 937 1849. Very Fine. Nicked up in fields and rims, not seriously. The slightly sharper Stack-Straus piece sold at \$37.00.
Mintage 23,294.
- 938 1850. Ex. Fine, brilliant; chip out of flan (as made) at wing at r. Small rim nick under O in date; traces of cleaning. Still a very attractive coin.
Reverse cracked from edge to wing tip at left, down through wing, shield, wing, out to M. Also from edge through fraction bar up to arrow butt.
- 939 1851. Close to Ex. Fine, some lustre; a couple of faint scratches.
- 940 1854. Very Fine, several scratches and nicks.
- 941 1857. VF or better, lustrous; lightly nicked up.
- 942 1859. Very Fine, some lustre, some faint scratches. Scarce.
- 943 1861. Shield stripes below RTY. Practically Unc., brilliant, some bag marks.
- 944 1862. Probably should be called Ex. Fine. Lustrous, weakly struck in centers; lightly bag marked.

- 945 1868 "S". Ex. Fine or so. Highly lustrous, weakly struck; some bag marks. Far above average for this mintmark.
Mintage 34,000.
- 946 1870 "S". Very Fine average. Scarce, unappreciated.
Mintage 16,000.
- 947 1871. Ex. Fine, a first-strike; faintly scratched up. Very rare.
Mintage 5,320.
- 948 1873. Numeral 3 not as closed as on proofs, not as open as on some later dies.
Ex. Fine, much lustre.
- 949 Another, similar. Very Fine or better.
- 950 Another, like the last two. Barely Very Fine.
- 951 1873 "S". Similar. VF, nicked up. Traces of lustre on the reverse.

The Extremely Rare 1875 Quarter Eagle

- 952 1875. Better than Very Fine, microscopically nicked. Some traces remaining of original first-strike surface. Absolutely genuine; the authenticity of this coin is unconditionally guaranteed. It has been examined and tested, and it is a struck piece without any possibility of a mintmark having been removed. Potentially a \$1,000. item! **Plate**
With its mintage of 400 regulars and 20 proofs this is *one of three smallest mint-ages* among quarter eagles, being outdistanced only by 1863 and 1854 "S". As a rarity, it is in a class with the 1797 and 1796 with stars quarter eagles (respectively 427 and 432 minted). We have done much research to locate other non-proof specimens of this date. There are only four auction records within recent years of specimens that were apparently genuine non-proofs. One of these was the mutilated Melish coin which nevertheless brought 12% above its estimate; the second was the Philip Straus coin, which was not nearly as fine as the present one, and sold to a dealer, in the 1959 Metropolitan Convention sale; the third specimen was in the Stack Wilson auction, and sold for \$470. fourteen months ago; the last one, slightly superior to the coin here offered (we compared them), was in the M. A. Holmes collection, and brought \$500., two months ago.
- 953 1879 "S". VF average, some reverse nicks.
- 954 1887. Ex. Fine, traces of lustre; a few minute bag marks. Scarce.
Mintage 6,160.
- 955 1888. Very Fine, somewhat nicked; signs of old cleaning, and traces of soap powder or something similar in numerals, letters.
Mintage 16,006.
- 956 1889. Ex. Fine, much lustre; a few light bag marks.
Mintage 17,600.
- 957 1891. OF AMERICA recut. Brilliant Unc., a few light bag marks mostly on obverse, one on rim, otherwise choice. GUIDE BOOK, \$45.00.
Mintage 10,960.
- 958 1893. Very close to Uncirculated. Beautifully frosty, but shows signs of handling, and therefore cannot qualify as mint state.
- 959 1896. EF or so, lustrous, somewhat bag marked. Far from common.
- 960 1897. Close to Ex. Fine, lightly scratched. Likewise an uncommon date.
- 961 1898. Very Fine plus, some lustre. GUIDE BOOK, \$30. VF (like the two preceding).
- 962 1899. Practically Unc., brilliant, faintly hairmarked. Cheap at \$32.50.
- 963 1902. Same grade and quality as last.
- 964 1903. Brilliant Unc., lightly bag marked. Lists at \$35.00.
- 965 1904. Like lots 962, 963, but with minute bag marks instead of the hairlines.
- 966 1905. Similar; plain nick on truncation.
- 967 Duplicate. Ex. Fine to AU, lustrous.
- 968 1906. About Uncirculated; unimportant evidence of bag handling.
- 969 1907. Base of 7 recut. Brilliant Unc., light bag marks. Another \$35. coin in mint state.
- 970 1907. Normal date. Ex. Fine, long thin obverse scratch.
- 971 1913. Indian Head design. Ex. Fine, some lustre.
- 972 **Three Dollars Gold. 1854. Small DOLLARS.** Fine / VF; obverse scratched. See our remarks under lot 219 about the desirability of this as a type coin.
- 973 1863. Just about VF, small rim nick either side. Really rare.
Mintage 5,000.

- 974 **1866.** Strong, sharp VF; minor signs of handling. Rarer than last.
Mintage 4,000. Record for a slightly sharper one in our last sale, \$135.00.
- 975 **1872.** Date slants down to r., outlines around ITED AMERI. VF or so, appreciable prooflike surface; fairly clean. RR.
Mintage only 2,000. This specimen differs from both varieties in our Fifty-Fourth sale.

The Extremely Rare Second Restrike 1873 Three Dollars

- 976 **1873.** Boosel 3; same dies as lot 837, our Fifty-Fourth sale. Very Good to Fine, several cuts on either side, one of them circular and involving LLA, but allowing both knobs of the 3 to show and put to rest any doubts of the identity of this coin. Chip out of planchet r. of date. An acceptable space filler; a perfect coin would probably bring around four figures in today's strong gold market.
Plate
This variety is not the *dished* restrike, but the other and more deceptive one with the 1877-8-9 obverse and the closed 3.
- 977 **1878.** Brilliant, choice Unc. A few minor bag marks away from Superb. A beauty!
- 978 Another, from the same dies. Identical grade and quality. Worth, like the last, at least \$150.00.
- 979 **1883.** Very Fine, traces of prooflike surface. Very rare – and easily worth \$175.00.
Mintage only 900 regulars. Cf. lot 249 in the first session.

Half Eagles

- 980 **1802/1.** Adams 5; Clapp 3; Newcomer 47. R-5. Very Fine, comparatively clean.
Described in full under lot 1558, our Fifty-Third sale, which see.
- 981 **1810.** Large date. Clapp 1. R-2. Very Fine, bold; traces of copper oxide tarnish.
- 982 **1812.** Small, wide 5 D. C-2. R-2. Just VF, obverse sharper than reverse.
- 983 **1834.** New type, no motto. A-4; C-3; N-132. Large wide bust point, large 4, date rather wide and spaced 183 4; same dies formerly used on proofs. Just VF, plain obv. rim nick.
- 984 Similar. A-3; C-6; N-131. Very close date, 8 4 low. Crack through 3rd to 6th stars. Better than VF, sharp; numerous small bag marks.
- 985 Another, from the same dies, before they cracked. Just VF, lightly scratched.
- 986 Similar. Obv. C-4, rev. C-6; cf. lot 388, our Forty-Ninth sale. Small narrow bust point, small 4, triple cutting on 4, visible at upper r. VF, rim nicked below date.
- 987 **1835.** Same dies as lot 117 earlier. VF, fairly sharp, lightly bag marked. Supposedly rare.
- 988 **1837.** Small date. C-3. **Nearly R-7.** Similar grade to last; usually found more worn. Uncommonly rare.
- 989 **1838.** C-1. Small, compact 5; broad leaves. Heavy claws, large arrowheads, TES close. Better than VF, bright and bold; minutely bag marked.
See lot 124, the first session.
- 990 **1839 "C".** About Very Fine. Very hard to find, and a type coin; the only year with coronet head, mintmark above date.
Mintage 17,193. Mint reports say 23,425, but from this we subtract 6,232 known to have been struck with the 1838 dies. Cf. lot 126.
- 991 **1840. Broad mill;** diameter same as 1834-39 issues, larger than any subsequent ones. Better than VF, fairly clean but somewhat granular; devices bold, border weak as always with these. RRR, only a few thousand made.
These were *struck* in Philadelphia (and at the branch mints) *in January only by error*. A letter from the Director of the Mint to Col. Wheeler, Superintendent of the Charlotte Mint, Feb. 6, 1840, refers to "milling" (upset rim outside denticles) as too broad, requests that coiner make planchets larger than usual to accommodate the extra broad border, and promises to remedy the defect in the next dies. The 1840 "C" coins with broad mill number 1,970; the "D", 4,437; and the "O", 3,000. The *exact number* struck in Philadelphia has not yet been ascertained.
- 992 **1840 "O".** Regular border. Ex. Fine, considerable mint lustre; fairly clean. Far above average.
- 993 **1843.** Small thin stars. Ex. Fine or so, lustrous; lightly bag marked.
- 994 **1843.** Normal stars. Fine, cleaned with an eraser by some idiot.

- 995 1845. Normal date. VF, bold; fairly clean.
This year is also known with a heavy, recut date.
- 996 Another. Similar grade; lightly but extensively bag marked.
- 997 1846. **Small date**, spaced 18 4 6. VF or better, somewhat granular. Uncommonly rare; a \$65.-\$70. coin today.
- 998 1847. Ex. Fine, bright, a few bag marks.
Date normally placed; vertical crack from edge through crosslet of 4, bust, up into hair past Y. Another crack from edge to coronet point.
- 999 1847. **Top of another 7 shows near border below 47.** Just VF; first we've seen. Probably RR.
Date high, 1 and 7 touch truncation (not the variety with whole date crowded into bust).
- 1000 1848. Very Fine, rather bold. Scarcer than the mintage figures would suggest.
- 1001 1851. About Extremely Fine, lustrous.
- 1002 Another. Just Very Fine.
- 1003 1852. Barely Very Fine.
- 1004 1853. Very Fine, the reverse somewhat scratched up.
- 1005 1854 "**D**". Hard to grade, but undoubtedly EF for coin. Bright, lustrous, weakly and unevenly struck, but mostly clean. Worth a good price.
Apparently from the dies of Melish 2075; numeral 1 touches bust, mintmark touches stem and feather.
- 1006 1855. Better than VF. Granular, bag marked and lightly scratched, but with some lustre. Uncommon.
- 1007 1857. Just Very Fine. Even scarcer than the last.
- 1008 1857 "**S**". Brilliant **Uncirculated**. Somewhat bag marked; barely, but still clearly, within the Mint State level. **FIRST WE'VE SEEN SO!** RR, beyond a doubt.
Mintage 87,000. Worth a strong premium over the too low *Guide Book* valuation of \$40. for this preservation.
- 1009 1861. Very Fine or better; not too well struck but bright.
- 1010 Another. Also Very Fine.
- 1011 A third. Equally Very Fine.
- 1012 1868 "**S**". Very Fine or better; bag marked, somewhat lustrous. Very scarce, very seldom offered.
Mintage 52,000.
- 1013 1873. **Closed 3.** Better than VF. Rather weakly struck, lustrous, bag marked. Very scarce.
- 1014 1873. Open 3. Ex. Fine, bright and frosty; several small clusters of bag marks.
- 1015 1874. Strictly Extremely Fine. A nice looking early strike, highly desirable despite light bag marks. Very rare, undervalued.
Mintage only 3,488 regulars.
- 1016 1878. A somewhat bag marked first-strike, the kind of coin often sold as "Proof, not in full brilliancy." A rather scarce date.
Record of \$32.50 for a mint state example in our last sale.
- 1017 1878 "**S**". Very Fine to Ex. Fine.
- 1018 1879. Better than Extremely Fine. Nearly fully brilliant, but bag marked.
- 1019 1879 "**S**". Very Fine or better.
- 1020 1880. Extremely Fine or so, bright.
- 1021 Duplicate. About as last. These lustrous and attractive Liberty Head half eagles currently sell for \$14. with ease.
- 1022 1880 "**S**". Just Extremely Fine.
- 1023 1881. An extra brilliant first-strike, bag marked. Premium coin.
- 1024 Another. More or less Unc., frosty, somewhat bag marked — the usual quality of uncirculated.
- 1025 A third. Similar grade to preceding.
- 1026 1881 "**S**". Extremely Fine or so, lustrous.
- 1027 1882. Ex. Fine to AU, frosty.
- 1028 Duplicate. Similar grade.
- 1029 1882 "**S**". Recut S. Ex. Fine, frosty, somewhat nicked.
- 1030 1882 "**CC**". Just VG. Evenly worn, no mutilations. Probably someone's pocket piece.

- 1031 1883. Very Fine or so. Far from a common coin!
- 1032 1884. Ex. Fine, lustrous. Even scarcer than the last.
- 1033 1885. Extremely Fine or so.
- 1034 1885 "S". Very Fine or better.
- 1035 1886 "S". VF to EF, brightly lustrous.
- 1036 1887 "S". Extremely Fine, frosty.
- 1037 1888 "S". Fine to VF, bag marked. Uncommon mintmark.
- 1038 1891. VF to Ex. Fine; bright. Lightly nicked up, not seriously. Becoming rare and difficult to locate.
Mintage 61,360.
- 1039 **1891 "CC"**. Brilliant Uncirculated. Signs of bag handling as usual.
- 1040 1892. Ex. Fine, bright; tiny nicks including a few upon the reverse edge.
- 1041 1892 "S". Very Fine, dirty. In a class with the '88 "S".
- 1042 **1892 "CC"**. Ex. Fine to About Unc., brilliant; somewhat bag marked.
- 1043 1893. More or less Unc., frosty; bag marked.
- 1044 1893 "S". About Unc., similar quality to preceding. Another uncommon San Francisco mint issue.
- 1045 **1893 "CC"**. Almost Ex. Fine. Underrated, as Carson City half eagles go.
Mintage 60,000.
- 1046 1894. We'll call this coin AU. It is really Uncirculated, and brilliant, but a little too much bag marked.
- 1047 1895. Brilliant Unc. Rather cleaner than usual.
- 1048 1896. Ex. Fine to AU, brilliant, frosty, bag marked. Very scarce, almost rare.
Mintage 58,963.
- 1049 Another 1896. More or less Unc., also bag marked. Cheap at \$22.50, like the last.
- 1050 1897. About Unc. or better, considerable frosty brilliance.
- 1051 1897 "S". Very Fine plus. Reverse dirty. A little scarcer than average.
- 1052 1898. Extremely Fine, lustrous.
- 1053 1898 "S". Very Fine plus, some reverse dirt.
- 1054 1899. Brilliant Unc., frosty; a few light bag marks.
- 1055 1900. More or less AU, bright; bag marked.
- 1056 1901. Extremely Fine to AU. Not as common as the preceding three.
- 1057 1901 "S". Similar grade, perhaps a trifle nicer.
- 1058 1902. Extremely Fine, some copper oxide stains. Scarce date.
Mintage 172,400.
- 1059 1902 "S". Likewise Ex. Fine.
- 1060 1903. Mostly Extremely Fine. Uncommon.
- 1061 1904. Brilliant, choice Uncirculated. Nearly "gem" quality.
- 1062 **1904 "S"**. More or less EF, extensively but lightly bag marked. Rare, usually available only in the lower grades.
Mintage 97,000.
- 1063 1905. About Unc. or better, bright, attractive. Somewhat scarcer than many of these.
- 1064 1906. Similar grade to last. Almost as uncommon.
- 1065 1906 "D". First year. Faint recutting on top of mintmark. Extremely Fine plus.
- 1066 Another 1906 "D". Normal mintmark. Ex. Fine, lustrous; somewhat unevenly struck.
- 1067 1907. About Unc., brilliant; minor bag marks.
- 1068 1907 "D". Practically Unc. Brilliant; quality like that of the last.
- 1069 Another, same grade.
- 1070 A third. Similar.
- 1071 A fourth. As the three previous lots.
- 1072 **Indian Head design.** 1908. Better than Ex. Fine, almost AU, brilliant; minute marks.
- 1073 1909. Extremely Fine, some lustre.

- 1074 1909 "S". Very Good or better. Evenly worn; probably another pocket piece. Uncommon in any condition.
- 1075 1909 "D". VF to Extremely Fine.
- 1076 1910. Very Fine. Usual grade and quality.
- 1077 1911. A minute rub away from brilliant Uncirculated. Above average!
- 1078 1911 "D". About Ex. Fine. Really rare, as this mintmark has the second smallest coinage of the Indian Head group.
Mintage 72,500.
- 1079 1912. Nearly Extremely Fine, some lustre.
- 1080 1913. Better than EF, nearer to AU; brilliant, especially the obverse.
- 1081 1914. Nearly Extremely Fine. Harder to find than the two preceding.
- 1082 1914 "D". Ex. Fine or so, lustrous. Equally uncommon!
- 1083 1915. VF to Extremely Fine.

Eagles

- 1084 1797. Heraldic Eagle. Adams 2; Clapp 2; Newcomer 442. Very Fine to Ex. Fine, rather weakly struck; far cleaner than usual. Reverse mostly free of handling marks except for a small rim nick at F. **Plate**
Late die state: crack through final 7 to bust, crack from edge to cloud between S O; cf. Melish 2349. For an earlier state of these dies see lot 62 above.
- 1085 1839. Type of '38, large letters. Very Fine or better, somewhat bag marked; small rim nicks. Quite rare, and in strong demand.
Coronet head: Appears only on this and the very rare 1838; therefore a type coin. Similar to Neumoyer's at \$180., possibly a trifle better.
- 1086 1841. Very Fine, somewhat bag marked. Decidedly scarce, far more difficult to locate than the number coined would suggest. The W. G. C. coin brought \$50., over fourteen years ago!
Modified Coronet head. Mintage 63,131.
- 1087 1843 "O". Thin date. Very Fine or better, sharp, cleaned long ago.
Four obverse and five reverse dies were made of this date and mint.
- 1088 1845 "O". Traces of recutting on 84. Rev. Crack, wing tip to border at r. Just Very Fine. Rarer than the last.
Die of Melish 2390. Also known with perfect and completely recut dates. Five pairs of dies made for this year and mint.
- 1089 1846/5 "O". Overdate not too clear, but knob of 5 shows within loop of 6, part of upright of 5 below top curve of 6. Just Very Fine. RRR; only two others seen from this obverse die.
Different die from lot 691, our Fifty-Fourth sale, but mentioned in footnote to that variety. Besides this piece and the other overdate (in our last sale), a variety is known with recut 6, another with normal date, another (Eliasberg) with very weak, thin, small stars. Die accounts enumerate one pair of dies sent Dec. 12, 1845, another pair Jan. 20, 1846 (apparently these are the two overdates), two more pairs in May 1846, and two more obverses Sept. 11, 1846. There were five old 1845 reverses left over. All 1846 "O" eagles have the medium date as on half dollars and some cents.
- 1090 1847. Thin date. Practically **Mint State**; brilliant and choice. Not a scarce date, but almost unobtainable in this condition.
Faint reverse cracks (later state of die of Melish 2393): leaf to U, both wing tips to border, ST-TES at tops, stem to period to edge.
- 1091 1847. Heavy date; crack through bases of TEN. Very Fine, slightly nicer than the 1845 "O".
- 1092 1847 "O". Strictly Fine.
Base of 1 partly recut, crack from r. edge of 7 near top down to border; shattered reverse. Late die state of Melish 2398-99.
- 1093 1848. Weak, thin date; crack through upper r. stars. Very Fine.
- 1094 1849. Very Fine, traces of lustre.
Date about centered; faint crack through bases of TEN D.
- 1095 1849 "O". Mintmark over EN; crack through period to tops of TEN D. Very Fine or better, some lustre around letters and stars. A much unappreciated mintmark!
Mintage 23,900.
- 1096 1850. Small date, atypical (as were both Melish coins and two others we've seen); numerals smaller than those on the cent. Ex. Fine obv., nearly EF reverse, brightly lustrous. Uncommonly rare.
Reverse die cracked through tops of legend.

- 1097 1850 "O". Large date. Very Fine or better. Not common, at all!
Mintage 57,500.
- 1098 1851. High date. Better than Very Fine, lustrous. Cf. Melish 2413.
- 1099 1851 "O". Sharpness better than VF, but rough, lightly scratched, heavily nicked; black tarnish, probably from having been in a fire. Not as bad as it sounds.
- 1100 1852 "O". Mintmark centered over EN, as in Melish 2417. Very Fine, lustrous; excellent for the grade. At least equal to the Melish coin. Rare.
Mintage 18,000.
- 1101 1853. Normal date. Ex. Fine, brilliantly lustrous; from a distance this coin could pass for mint state. Much scarcer than the mintage suggests; true of most of these, 1839-78, except for 1847 and 1847 "O".
An overdate is known — 1853/2.
- 1102 1854. Heavy date. Like the last, perhaps a trifle nicer if anything.
Mintage 54,250.
- 1103 1854 "S". First year from this mint. Large S over space between N D.; crack, rim to M to field. Better than Very Fine, lustrous.
Die of Melish 2425.
- 1104 1855. Slanting 5's as on the cent. Very Fine, some lustre; some bag marks. Nicer than Neumoyer's at \$31.00.
- 1105 1856. Upright 5 as on the cent. Very Fine or better, lustrous.
Mintage 60,490.
- 1106 1860 "O". Very Fine, some lustre; some bag marks. Rare, to say the least.
Mintage 11,100.
- 1107 1861. Very Good, even wear. Another pocket piece.

The Unique Blundered Die 1865 "S" Over Inverted 186

- 1108 1865 "S" over 981. DATE FIRST BEGUN ROTATED 180° FROM ITS NORMAL POSITION, THEN CORRECTED. Same principle as 1844/81 and 1851/81 cents. Extraordinary, glaring blunder; one wonders alike how this could have escaped mint inspectors and alert collectors during the last ninety-odd years. Strictly Very Fine. Discovered by R. J. Salisbury. The only one yet reported. Estimates of value would be idle guesswork. **Enlarged (retouched) Plate**
Mintage 16,700. Other coins seen have perfect date, large mintmark over space between N D.; this has large mintmark partly over N.
- 1109 1866. Recut date, first cut to right, mostly effaced, then corrected. Strictly Very Fine. Very rare; cheap at \$150.00.
Mintage 3,750 regulars. First year with motto, therefore a type coin. Not in Melish.
- 1110 1869 "S". Brilliant, choice **Uncirculated**. Sharp and beautiful despite obvious signs of bag handling and a small reverse rim nick. Unheard of condition for a San Francisco mint coin of this period. Conceivably, worth a sizable (quadruple GUIDE BOOK) price. **Plate**
Mintage 6,430. None in Melish.
- 1111 1870 "S". Very Fine; rather less than the average number of bag marks. **Bold!**
Mintage 8,000. Also not in Melish.
- 1112 1872 "CC". Barely Very Fine. Very rare.
Mintage 5,500. Also not in Melish.
- 1113 1874. Very close indeed to Uncirculated. Second only to lot 76 in the first session (similar strike and general appearance, but more bag marked). Rare so fine.
- 1114 1876 "S". Better than Very Fine; highly lustrous but much bag marked. Really rare!
Mintage 5,000.
- 1115 1879. VF to Extremely Fine, bright and mostly clean; lustrous.
- 1116 1879 "S". Just Very Fine. Harder to find than the last.
- 1117 1880. A prooflike, extremely brilliant first-strike, which has fraternized in a bag just long enough to take it out of the mint state class.
- 1118 1880 "S". Very Fine, some traces of lustre.
- 1119 1881. Close to Ex. Fine, much mint frost; fewer bag marks than usual.
- 1120 1881 "S". Better than Extremely Fine. Brilliant, but bag marked.
- 1121 1882. Similar to last, perhaps a trifle less nice.

- 1122 1883. Just Very Fine. An uncommon date, moderate mintage.
- 1123 1884. Very Fine plus, some lustre. Quite scarce, almost rare.
Mintage 76,890.
- 1124 1885. Brilliant Unc., or a hair's breadth away; cleaner than usual. Generally hard to find in any condition, this year is actually rare when choice.
- 1125 1885 "S". Brilliant Unc., obvious though not serious signs of bag handling. Even scarcer than the Philadelphia coin.
- 1126 1886. Choice Uncirculated. Like the last in both quality and rarity.
- 1127 1886 "S". Better than Ex. Fine, brilliant.
- 1128 1887. Very Fine, bag marks. Very scarce.
Mintage 53,600 regulars.
- 1129 1887 "S". Brilliant, very close to Uncirculated.
- 1130 1888 "O". Close to Mint State; brilliant but bag marked. Particularly rare in this preservation.
Mintage 21,335. The VF Graves example brought \$55., over six and a half years ago.
- 1131 1890. About Ex. Fine, much mint lustre. Rare.
Cf. lot 84 earlier.
- 1132 1891 "CC". Ex. Fine or better, extra brilliant; lightly bag marked. Popular!
- 1133 1892. Exactly as last but a little more bag marked; almost full frost.
- 1134 1892 "CC". Nearly VF, obverse a little stronger than reverse.
- 1135 1893. Practically Unc., brilliant and frosty; lightly bag marked.
- 1136 1893 "S". About EF, bright and frosty, not quite as clean as the last.
- 1137 1894 "O". Same grade and quality as preceding. That in our Fifty-Fourth sale brought \$42.00.
- 1138 1894 "S". Very Fine, sharp and lustrous. Obvious signs of bag handling. RR; private sale records to \$82.50.
Mintage 25,000. That in our last sale, slightly sharper, slept at \$62.50.
- 1139 1895. Just Very Fine.
- 1140 1895 "O". Ex. Fine, brilliant, like lot 1132. Scarce.
- 1141 1896. Close to EF, also brilliant. Like lot 1136, but worth much more.
Cf. lot 87 in the first session.
- 1142 1897. Practically Unc., extensively but lightly bag marked.
- 1143 1897 "O". Close to EF, fairly clean. A definite sleeper.
Mintage 42,500.
- 1144 1898. Crack, tops of UNITED to wing. Just Very Fine, usual quality.
- 1145 1899. Uncirculated, just barely within the grade; obvious bag marks.
- 1146 Duplicate. Close to Ex. Fine, not particularly clean.
- 1147 1899 "O". Ex. Fine, brilliant; light signs of bag handling. Rare.
Mintage 37,047.
- 1148 1899 "S". Very Fine, some lustre.
- 1149 1900. A minute rub or so away from brilliant Uncirculated. Clean, frosty and select. An uncommon date in rare condition.
- 1150 1901. Similar grade, but minutely bag marked.
- 1151 1901 "O". Actually Uncirculated, but lightly rubbed on wing tips. Grade and quality like that of the two preceding. Another "sleeper" mintmark.
Mintage 72,041.
- 1152 1902 "S". Very Fine or better, some lustre; a few obvious bag marks.
- 1153 1903. Very Fine plus, bright. Rather limited mintage.
- 1154 1903 "O". Faint recutting on mintmark. Brilliant Uncirculated; somewhat less than usual evidence of bag handling. Decidedly uncommon; cheap at \$50. so fine.
- 1155 1904 "O". Ex. Fine, brilliant; a trifle cleaner than last. Clearly above average, like most of the New Orleans eagles in this offering.
- 1156 1905. Better than VF, lustrous. Far from a common date.
- 1157 1905 "S". Faint recutting on mintmark. Brilliant Uncirculated, or a hair's breadth away; fairly clean. A better than average Liberty Head eagle, in both condition and scarcity.
- 1158 1906. Better than VF, lustrous. Almost as scarce as 1903.

- 1159 1907. Final year of the design. Very close to Unc., brilliant; bag marked.
- 1160 1907 "S". Better than Extremely Fine. Nice, despite some indications of having been in a bag.
- 1161 1907 "D". Ex. Fine or so, somewhat nicked up.
- 1162 Indian Head design. 1907. Regular issue. Brilliant Unc., usual strike (weak in centers); clean. Records to \$38.50, so choice.
- 1163 Another. Recut stars, especially at left. Ex. Fine to AU, brilliant; minute handling marks.
- 1164 1908. **No motto.** A thin hair's breadth from Uncirculated. Brilliant and really a beauty; exceptional for this rarity.
Mintage 33,500. Cf. lot 95 earlier.
- 1165 1908. Motto. Ex. Fine plus, brightly lustrous; obverse better than reverse.
- 1166 1908 "S". Motto. Brilliant Uncirculated. Splendid, despite a small nick on wing; this, lot 97 in the first session, and the first Melish coin are the three finest we have seen. RR; worth a record price!
Mintage 59,850. Cf. lot 97 earlier.
- 1167 Duplicate 1908 "S". This one a brilliant but bag marked Ex. Fine. Still, worthy of a good bid.
- 1168 1910. Thin hair's breadth from Unc., brilliant and frosty; a few handling marks, some on rims.
- 1169 1910 "S". Very Fine. Cleaned long ago and not too successfully.
- 1170 1910 "D". Practically Unc., like the Philadelphia coin.
- 1171 1911. AU; not quite Uncirculated.
- 1172 1911 "D". Just Very Fine, but very rare and only now beginning to be appreciated, like the smaller gold of this date and mint. We have not handled a better one in years.
Mintage 30,100. The inferior example in our Fifty-Fourth sale went to a dealer at \$52.50.
- 1173 1912. About Unc. or so. Weakly struck in centers, but brilliant and with unusually clean fields (although there are a few bag marks on cheek and wing).
- 1174 1913. Very Fine or better, highly lustrous.
- 1175 1913 "S". Very Fine or better, somewhat nicked up. The reverse with signs of old cleaning; minor stains. Rare, almost never available better.
Mintage 66,000.
- 1176 1914. Ex. Fine to About Unc., brilliant; cleaner than usual. Uncommon.
- 1177 1914 "D". Extremely Fine or better, nearly as nice as last.
- 1178 1915. About Ex. Fine, highly lustrous.
- 1179 1926. A minute rub away from Unc., brilliant; obvious signs of bag handling.
- 1180 1932. Similar grade to last.
- 1181 Another 1932. As preceding two lots.

Double Eagles

- 1182 1850. Open 5. Very Fine or better, reverse sharper than obverse. Old traces of cleaning, of no importance. This is an exceptionally popular first year, probably because of the strong interest in double eagles.
- 1183 Another open 5. Cracked through outer parts of all letters in legend. Fine.
Cf. lot 1, first session.
- 1184 1851. Very Fine, faint initials "H C" in reverse field.
- 1185 Duplicate 1851. Very Fine, a victim of some kind of metal polish.
- 1186 A third 1851. Nearly Fine, lightly pockmarked.
- 1187 1851 "O". Better than Very Fine. Unusually sharp; cleaned a long time ago.
- 1188 Another 1851 "O". Better than Fine. Crack, rim to coronet point, touching 7th star.
- 1189 1852. Heavy double cut date. Nicer than VF, sharp; granular from extensive though minute bag marks, much frosty lustre.
- 1190 1853. Part of base of another digit (probably a 3) between 53. Recutting on 1. Close to Ex. Fine but won't quite make it; very lustrous.
Cf. lot 662, our Fifty-Fourth sale, at \$130. EF-AU.

- 1191 1854. Small **recut date**. About Ex. Fine, lustrous; better than last.
Cf. lot 6 earlier.
- 1192 1854. Large **date**. **Extremely Fine**, much frosty lustre; select for the grade, and a real beauty. **Extremely rare**. Well worth a good price, as we do not know of a superior specimen. **Plate**
Cf. lot 7, first session.
- 1193 1855. A little better than VF, somewhat lustrous; minor rim nick.
- 1194 1856. Similar grade to last, a little more obviously bag marked.
- 1195 1856 "S". Medium S. Better than VF; some lustre, some minor bag marks.
- 1196 Another. Medium S. About Very Fine.
- 1197 A third. Also medium S. Mostly Fine, weak strike.
- 1198 1857. Very Fine or so, flat stars; faintly lustrous.
- 1199 1857 "S". Large S. Very Fine or so.
- 1200 1857 "S". Medium S. Strictly Very Fine.
- 1201 Duplicate medium S. About Fine, some lustre in fields.
- 1202 **1858 "O"**. Nearer to Extremely Fine than to VF, lustrous; cleaner than usual. **Rare**.
Mintage 35,250.
- 1203 1858 "S". Medium S. Very Fine, but still another victim of metal polish.
- 1204 1859 "S". Medium S. Very Fine or so, outer border weak. Traces of a removable gummy deposit.
- 1205 1860. Extremely Fine, very brilliant; granular from minute bag marks. **Uncommon**.
- 1206 1860 "S". Medium S. Very Fine or so, fairly bold.
- 1207 1861. High date, much nearer truncation than border. VF plus, comparatively clean.
- 1208 1861. Low date, much nearer border than truncation. Barely VF, not too sharply struck.
- 1209 **1862**. Closer to **Uncirculated** than EF. Practically full mint frost and some bag marks, but unevenly struck; it is difficult to say where weak striking leaves off and wear (if any) begins on this coin. RR; a real sleeper, particularly in this remarkable condition.
Mintage 92,133. Far, far finer than Melish's or most others encountered (there have not been many).
- 1210 1863 "S". Small S. Better than VF, much original lustre; some minor signs of handling.
Also known with medium S. We have not seen enough of either to say which is rarer.
- 1211 1864 "S". Small S. Very Fine, sharp. Better than the Melish specimen.
- 1212 **1865**. Strictly Extremely Fine. Much like the 1862; highly lustrous, rather cleaner than the usual run (of commoner dates, of course). RR; seldom seen in any grade.
Mintage 351,175, but much rarer than this figure suggests. Not in our Forty-Ninth sale, among many other large collections; Melish's was only fine.
- 1213 1865 "S". Small weak S. Very Fine, sharp; cleaned long ago. Uncommon; almost unavailable better, as we pointed out in our 1957 Eliasberg offering.
- 1214 **1866**. Motto. This is a beautiful **first-strike** which has acquired just enough bag marks to take it a trifle below the Mint State class. Very rare; as FINE a non-proof as we have encountered.
First year with motto "In God We Trust," therefore a type coin.
- 1215 **1866 "S"**. Motto. This brilliant, frosty coin would also qualify as **Uncirculated**, but for cabinet friction on cheek and a few curls—evidently this was displayed in an old-fashioned cabinet, with the beautiful reverse uppermost. Fewer than the usual number of bag marks, none serious. **EASILY, THE BEST ONE WE HAVE SEEN!**
Mintage 722,250 with motto. A type coin, like the last. Even Dr. Peake had none; most others seen have been VF or worse.
- 1216 **1867**. Bright, frosty **Uncirculated**. Exceptionally bold; obvious but not serious bag marks. We have never heard of one to equal this! RR, as a date; RRR, in this condition!
Mintage 251,015 regulars.

- 1217 1870 "S". Very small S. Fine to VF. As such, equal to the piece in our Forty-Ninth sale, or a trifle better.
Superior to the Dr. Green, Menjou, Melish examples, or most others we have seen — there have not been many.
- 1218 1872 "S". Small S above r. upright of N; cf. Melish 939. Mostly Very Fine. Even harder to find than the last.
- 1219 1873. Open 3. Date to r. Close to Extremely Fine, lustrous; somewhat bag marked.
- 1220 1873. Open 3. Date more to left, 1 very close to both truncation and border. Mostly Very Fine; reverse sharper than obverse.
- 1221 1873 "S". Closed 3. Mintmark above center of N; cracked through most letters. Very Fine or better, bold strike. Different from any of the Melish varieties.
- 1222 1873 "S". Closed 3. Similar reverse, no crack. Also VF. Same comment.
- 1223 1874 "S". Mintmark above center of N. VF, some traces of lustre. Same comment.
A variety also exists with mintmark first cut low, then partly effaced and recut higher.
- 1224 1875. Highly brilliant, but bag marked enough to take it out of the full **Mint State** class. If anything, even more lustrous than the 1866 "S" above. Rare; the last one we recall handling was the VF coin in our Forty-Ninth sale.
Mintage 295,720, or about one-quarter the average.
- 1225 1875 "S". Mintmark over r. upright of N; cracked at tops of UNITE and MER, bases of TWE. Very Fine, some traces of lustre.
Probably the die of Melish 954.
- 1226 1875 "**CC**". Brilliant **Uncirculated**. A lovely first-strike, the dies not too highly polished but showing striations (from the wheel used to polish them). Only minor handling marks. **TRULY EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION FOR THIS MINTMARK!**
For some reason, lacking in several of our recent sales, and represented by only a fine one in Melish.
- 1227 1876. Cracked through tops of most of legend; cf. Melish 956. Brilliant **Uncirculated**. Lightly though extensively bag marked. Decidedly uncommon; mintage less than half the average.
- 1228 1876. Perfect dies; lumps on arrow shafts. Extremely Fine or so, some lustre; reverse sharper than obverse.
- 1229 1876 "S". Mintmark over left of center of T; cf. Melish 962. Extra brilliant, but bag marked enough to keep it from being graded full **Mint State**. Good match for the 1866 "S" and 1875.
- 1230 1876 "S". Mintmark over space between NT. Extremely Fine or so, like the second 1876.
- 1231 1877. New type; DOLLARS spelled out. Very Fine. First year, therefore a type coin. Uncommon, popular!
- 1232 1878. Date about centered between truncation and border; outline of another 8 in lower loop of second 8. Extremely Fine, lustrous.
- 1233 Another 1878. Low date, much nearer border than truncation. Cracks through base of date and many stars and most of legend. Similar grade, perhaps a bit more bag marked.
- 1234 1878 "S". Ex. Fine, lustrous; cleaner than preceding.
- 1235 1879. Ex. Fine to About Unc., extra brilliant; close to mint state, extensively though lightly bag marked. Scarce, moderately low mintage. None in Peake.
- 1236 1879 "S". Extremely Fine, brilliant.
- 1237 1880. Mostly Extremely Fine; brilliant but bag marked. Nicer than most offered, including Melish's.
Mintage a decidedly low 51,420; rarer than even that figure suggests.
- 1238 1880 "S". Just Very Fine, bold.
- 1239 1881 "S". VF to EF; sharp, but lightly nicked up.
- 1240 1882 "S". Mostly Ex. Fine. An early strike! Usual quota of bag marks, none serious.
- 1241 1883 "S". Very Fine to Ex. Fine.
- 1242 1884 "S". Very Fine or better. Cleaner than usual.
- 1243 1885 "S". Practically Uncirculated. Extra brilliant; like the 1875.

- 1244 1888. As last, frosty; somewhat more bag marked. The inferior EF one in our last auction brought \$57.50; this example should command considerably more.
Cf. lot 28, first session.
- 1245 1888 "S". Almost Uncirculated; not too sharply struck up in centers. Excellent surfaces.
- 1246 1889. Very close indeed to Mint State. Highly brilliant and frosty, though with minor rim abrasions. RRR; no other business strike seen in many years save Neumoyer's, which went cheap at \$70. VF. Plate
Mintage 44,070 regulars.
- 1247 1889 "S". Very Fine or better, lightly pin scratched.
- 1248 1890 "S". Just Very Fine, some reverse dirt.

The Extremely Rare 1891 Double Eagle

- 1249 1891. Extremely Fine or better, a brilliant first-strike with abrasion on some high surfaces. THE ONLY NON-PROOF OF THIS DATE WE HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED; all other 1891's seen (other than the lone Milanese forgery which was seized by the Treasury) have been proofs or impaired proofs. Worth a very, very strong three figure price, as a guess. Plate
Mintage 1,390.
- 1250 1891 "S". Extremely Fine, brilliant.

Splendid and Very Rare 1892 Double Eagle

- 1251 1892. Magnificent "gem" first-strike, a few trivial bag marks away from Superb. ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NON-PROOF TWENTIES OF ANY DATE WE HAVE SEEN. Only the second regular 1892 we have handled (cf. lot 32, first session). If Neumoyer's was worth \$400. with its impairment, what is this jewel worth? Plate
Mintage 4,430 regulars. Known as a rarity for decades.
- 1252 1892 "S". Mostly Extremely Fine, lustrous.
- 1253 1892 "CC". Similar grade, lightly nicked and scratched. Rather low mintage.
- 1254 1893 "S". About Extremely Fine.
- 1255 1894. Also Extremely Fine.
- 1256 1894 "S". Similar grade, more bag marked.
- 1257 1895. Superior to the five preceding, but not quite Mint State.
- 1258 1895 "S". Very Fine, signs of old cleaning.
- 1259 1896. About Ex. Fine, lustrous. Uncommon date.
- 1260 1896 "S". Similar grade.
- 1261 1897 "S". Ex. Fine, or a bit nicer. Record of \$120. in the Neumoyer sale for a "gem."
- 1262 1898. About Extremely Fine. Somewhat rare; lacking in Melish.
Mintage 170,395. A similar one in our Forty-Ninth sale (1957) brought \$53., or over 40% above the then usual price.
- 1263 1898 "S". Nearly Ex. Fine, some lustre.
- 1264 1899. Very nearly Unc., minor bag marks including some on rims.
- 1265 1900. Mostly Ex. Fine, fewer bag marks than usual.
- 1266 1900 "S". Brilliant, very close to Mint State; mostly clean.
- 1267 1901. Basically Unc., brilliant, but with bag abrasions on a few high points. Very scarce, almost rare. Private sale records to \$75.00.
Cf. lot 41, first session.
- 1268 1902. Nearly as nice, but with one small sharp nick on either side. Really rare; GUIDE BOOK, \$130. Unc.
Mintage 31,140. Cf. lot 42, earlier.
- 1269 1903. Very Fine to Ex. Fine. Scarce; not in Melish.
- 1270 1903 "S". Close to Unc., rather soft strike; several rim nicks, probably inflicted in a mint bag.
- 1271 1904 "S". VF to Ex. Fine, cleaned.
- 1272 1905 "S". Very Fine or better.
- 1273 1906. Extremely Fine, much original lustre. Rare.
Mintage 69,596 regulars. Cf. lot 44, first session.

- 1274 1906 "S". Ex. Fine or so, a rather weak, soft strike.
- 1275 1906 "D". First year for this mint. Ex. Fine, bright but bag marked.
- 1276 1907. Final year of type. Basically Unc., lustrous, but showing abrasion marks on the high points.
- 1277 1907 "S". Very Fine to Ex. Fine.
- 1278 1907 "D". Better than Extremely Fine, brilliant.
- 1279 **St. Gaudens design.** 1907. Low relief, so-called "Arabic" date. A rub or so away from brilliant Uncirculated. Hardly common; should bring \$75. or so.
- 1280 Another, as last; a soft, weak strike. Unappreciated, like the last!
- 1281 1908. No motto. Better than Extremely Fine.
- 1282 1908 "D". No motto. Similar grade.
- 1283 **1908 "S". Motto. Brilliant Uncirculated.** Evidently never in circulation, but now granular from minute though extensive bag abrasions. Really rare, not in any of our recent sales, nor in Neumoyer. One of the few legitimate rarities in this series. **Plate**
Mintage 22,000. Baldenhofer's mint state one brought a piddling \$130., despite a mention of records at private sale above \$350.; Melish's similar one went cheaply at \$157.50.
- 1284 1909. Extra brilliant, but a minute rub or so away from full Mint State – evidently from a bag. Rather softly struck in centers. Uncommon.
- 1285 1910. Very Fine or so, clean even wear.
- 1286 1910 "D". Ex. Fine or so, lustrous; minute stains here and there.
- 1287 1911. Very Fine average.
- 1288 1911 "S". Very Fine or better.
- 1289 1911 "D". Better than Extremely Fine, brilliant.
- 1290 1912. Ex. Fine, bright; iridescent copper oxide tarnish at bottom obv. border, top of reverse.
- 1291 1913 "D". Similar grade, untarnished.
- 1292 **1914. Very Fine, even wear. Rare.**
Mintage 95,250. Cf. lot 54, earlier.
- 1293 1914 "S". Equally Very Fine.
- 1294 1914 "D". Close to Ex. Fine, considerable brilliance.
- 1295 1915 "S". Very Fine or better. Even wear.
- 1296 **1916 "S".** Better than Extremely Fine, brilliant; somewhat like the 1909. Watch this date — it is a sleeper.
The Baldenhofer example was the only one which compares with this; Green's, Menjou's, and Melish's were only VF, and there have been very few others offered. Not in Neumoyer or many other big collections.
- 1297 1920. About Ex. Fine, lustrous. Rather low mintage. Melish's VF went for \$65.00.
- 1298 1922. Close to Unc., but won't quite make it due to bag abrasions on the high points; brilliant.
- 1299 1923. Bright and lustrous, but somewhat bag marked Uncirculated.
- 1300 1924. A minute rub away from Mint State, also brilliant.
- 1301 1925. Very Fine or better.
- 1302 1926. Nearly but not quite Extremely Fine.
- 1303 1927. Almost Uncirculated; like the 1923.
- 1304 1928. Brilliant Unc., somewhat nicer than last.
- 1305 **Commemorative Gold.** 1903. Louisiana Purchase Exposition Dollar. Jefferson. Seemingly brilliant Unc., but a glass shows a minute rub on head.
- 1306 **1905. Lewis & Clark Exposition Dollar.** Brilliant Unc., first-strike; lint mark in field on date side, not an impairment. Rare, and in strong demand.
- 1307 1926. Sesquicentennial Quarter Eagle. So-so Uncirculated.
- 1308 Another. Similar; several plain scratches.
- 1309 **California Pioneer Gold.** 1852. Wass, Molitor & Co. Ten Dollars. Large head, wide date. The obverse Fine or so, reverse seemingly Good (weak strike) as usual; the obv. weak near date and at borders. Comparable to the specimen illustrated in the STANDARD CATALOGUE. **Plate**
The reverse die badly cracked, through wing and CALIFORNIA and tops of GOLD.

- 1310 **Small California Gold. Octagonal Quarters. 1870. Burnie 62; Lee 45.** Small Liberty head, thirteen stars; G below. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ (in shield) DOLLAR 1870 in wreath; twenty-one (?) berries, two detached near R. Cf. Clarke 455. Ex. Fine, tarnished.
- 1311 **1876. B-103; L-77.** Large Liberty head, thirteen stars, etc.; for full description see lot 476 earlier. Cf. Clarke 476. Weakly struck Proof.
- 1312 **1876. Unlisted. "B-106A";** not in Lee; cf. Clarke 478. Small Indian head, ten feathers; thirteen 5-pointed stars with hollow centers. Rev. As preceding. Ex. Fine. RR. The Clarke proof brought \$26.00.
- 1313 **Round Quarters. 1856. B-35; L-24.** Liberty head, Gruner type, ten stars, etc.; for full description see lot 484 earlier. Cf. Clarke 504. So-so Proof.
- 1314 **1872. Unlisted.** Similar to B-92, but back of 2 filled up; type of L-67. Large Indian head, thirteen stars. Rev. $\frac{1}{4}$ DOLLAR CAL. in wreath, twenty-four berries; ribbon ends disconnected. Vertical crack from 4 to first L to A and bow. Brilliant Proof. Rare.
- 1315 **1873. B-93; L-68.** Large Liberty head; for full description see lot 501 earlier. Cf. Clarke 538. Uncirculated.
- 1316 **Octagonal Half Dollars. 1864. B-33A; L-17A.** Small Liberty head, thirteen stars; G below. Rev. HALF DOLLAR 1864 in wreath, twenty-one berries; LF recut. Type of Clarke 556, but plain edge. Ex. Fine, scratched. Also, a charm, dated 1875; size of octagonal half. Prooflike. 2 Pcs.
- 1317 **1873. B-70; L-44.** Small, dainty Liberty head; thirteen 5-pointed stars. For full description, see lot 532 earlier. Cf. Clarke 576. Brilliant Unc., prooflike. Somewhat nicer than Clarke's or lot 532.
- 1318 **1873. B-71; L-45.** Large Indian head, thirteen stars; period after date. Rev. $\frac{1}{2}$ DOLLAR CAL. in wreath, small letters and fraction; twenty-six berries. Cf. Clarke 577. So-so Proof. Clarke's proof brought \$14.50.
- 1319 **Round Half Dollar. 1871. Unlisted. "B-93A";** obv. B-90, rev. B-92. Liberty head, thirteen stars. Rev. * (5-pointed) HALF DOLLAR CAL in wreath; same as lot 558 earlier. Not in Clarke. Better than EF, scratched up. Rare, only seven seen.
- 1320 **Octagonal Dollars. 1853. B-4; L-3.** Large Liberty head; DERI on reverse. For full description, see lot 570 earlier. Cf. Clarke 646. Very Fine, scratched up and with some rim nicks.
- 1321 Another, similar. **B-5A (?)**; not in Lee or Clarke. No stars on reverse. For full description, see lot 572 earlier. Partly reeded edge. Very Fine. Very scarce.
- 1322 **1854. B-20; L-13B.** Large Liberty head, ten stars. Rev. * CALIFORNIA ** GOLD * FD around beaded circle; 1 DOLLAR 1854 (over 3?) within. Not in Clarke. Very Fine, defective planchet.
- 1323 **1855. B-27; L-19.** Large, fine Liberty head, thirteen small stars. Rev. CALIFORNIA GOLD. N. R., etc. For full description, see lot 576 earlier. Cf. Clarke 665. Ex. Fine, somewhat prooflike.
- 1324 **1858. B-34; L-A4.** Small Liberty head, thirteen 5-pointed stars; K below. Rev. CALIFORNIA (above), GOLD (below); crude wreath with sixteen berries, containing 1 DOLLAR 1858. Cf. Clarke 667. Unc.
- 1325 **1863. B-40; L-A5.** Large Liberty head, thirteen 5-pointed stars. Rev. As last, but date 1863. Not in Clarke. Unc., a first-strike. Somewhat less common than the 1858's.
- 1326 **1871. B-52; L-34.** Small Liberty head, eleven 5-pointed stars. Rev. CAL (above), GOLD (below); crude wreath, thirteen berries, containing 1 DOLLAR 1871. Cf. Clarke 672. Brilliant Unc., a first-strike. Clarke's was looped.
- 1327 **Alaska Gold. 1898. One Pinch.** Octagonal; gold dollar size. Indian head r., sixteen stars. Rev. ALASKA GOLD ONE PINCH within wreath; (all but "One" in tall, thin, narrow sans-serif letters). Burnie 3. Not quite Unc. RR; valued by Burnie at \$25.00.
- 1328 **Similar. 1902. $\frac{1}{4}$ Pinch.** Octagonal; quarter dollar size. Indian head l., thirteen stars. Rev. ALASKA GOLD $\frac{1}{4}$ PINCH within wreath. Type of Burnie 9. Brilliant Unc. Rare.

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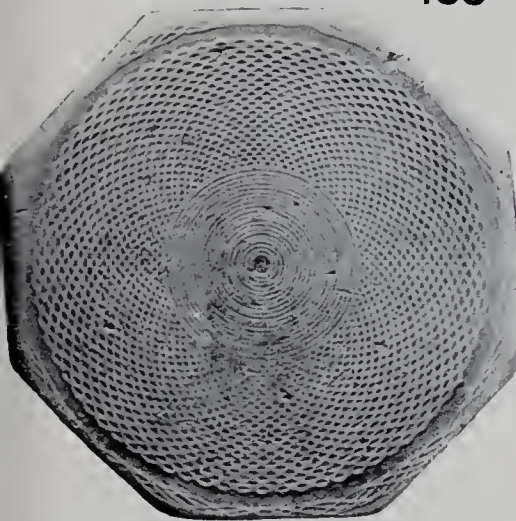
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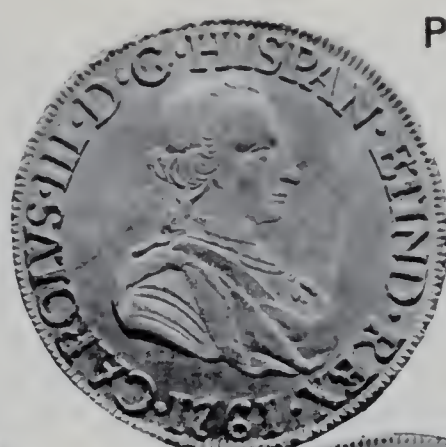




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THE ANA AND UNCLE SAM

Within recent weeks, U.S. Secret Service agents, as representatives of the Treasury Department, have commenced to seize so-called "silver cents," . . . cents struck in error on dime planchets. The alleged basis for this action is that "any piece coined of material other than the legal alloy is not legally issued and remains the property of the government." If this opinion is correctly stated, might we ask the status of a "silver cent" in brilliant proof, of modern date, still intact in its original holder as sold with a proof nickel, dime, quarter and half, by the Philadelphia Mint? Could we likewise inquire about all the "trial pieces" in base metals, and many of the hundreds upon hundreds of patterns, amounting to well over two-thirds of the items listed by Judd, that were not struck in the legal alloy or which were not legally released, or both? Can we wonder out loud about the coins that were sold, or traded, or what-have-you, years ago . . . by Mint personnel or their friends — the 1804 dollars, the Gobrecht mules, the 1862-64 patterns, the 1884-85 trade dollars, the 1913 Liberty Head nickels, among others? The government made a big issue of the 1933 double eagle a few years ago . . . now it is the lowly "silver cent" mint error — what coin or series of coins will suffer in the next sporadic attack?

A few years ago, we commenced writing letters to Mint Director Brett, in an effort to establish legal possession of *numismatically* rare gold ingots. It was, and is, our contention that the individual or institution paying \$10,000. for a gold bar with an intrinsic value of \$17.50, is *not* violating the intent of the gold hoarding restrictions of the Gold Regulations. We wanted this minor issue clarified in 1957, with the result that one prominent collector discussed the matter with the Secretary of the Treasury. This action resulted in a frantic request for information on ingots by the general counsel of the Treasury Department, through the medium of the Numismatic Curator of the Smithsonian, but nothing was done. It is still quasi-legal to own, display, or dispose of, say, a Kohler ingot. The question has been raised about the queer situation concerning Gold Certificates . . . about the status of National Gold Bank notes, and those Federal Reserve issues payable in gold. Nobody really knows the facts relative to the legality of essay, proof and specimen notes, or even of misprints, or worse yet, of "Double Denomination" bills. Every so often, we hear about collectors and dealers having trouble with foreign gold coins issued after 1933. It is obvious that 1937 British Coronation gold coins were legally imported, and that no custom official will seize a 1960 South African proof gold sovereign, but why? . . . Why, when other coins, of similar legitimate manufacture and origin, are supposedly illegal?

What is legal, what is not? The Treasury Department will perhaps remain content with poor interpretations of obsolescent laws, and hit-or-miss enforcement of a confused situation. If anything is to be done, it is up to the collectors to do it. The collector cannot accomplish anything alone — the air can only be cleared by collective action — action through channels. Our spokesman should and must be the American Numismatic Association, speaking for its members individually and from concerted club action. THE ANA HAS TO, AFTER YEARS OF DO NOTHING, ONCE AND FOR ALL, ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE OF INFORMED MEMBERS, WITH NECESSARY LEGAL ADVICE, TO PUT TOGETHER CONCRETE AND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS CONCERNING WHAT CAN OR CANNOT BE LEGALLY COLLECTED AND HELD.

If you feel about this matter as we do, write to ANA President Dodson today. Get after your friends, talk about the situation at your club. It is your responsibility, as individual hobbyists, to prod the national association of collectors, the ANA, to take the initiative. It is about time that collectors knew what numismatic items were compatible with the law, and why the laws can't be clearly defined so as to protect their interests.

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U. S. Merchant Token Rarities, 1789-1858
Hard Times Token Rarities
Indian Trader, Western Sutler Tokens
U. S. Advertising Shell Cards
Collections of Obsolete Bank Bills
Confederate Sutler's Notes or Scrip
U. S. Encased Postage Stamp Rarities
Indian Peace Medals
1853 U. S. Assay Office of Gold Eagles
Colorado and west—Obsolete Notes or Scrip
Kirkland Safety Society Bank Notes
Perfect Mica U. S. Encased Postage Stamps
C.S.A., Southern State Bonds, Fiscal Paper
U. S. Colonial Coin Rarities
Political Ferrotypes Tokens
1853 U. S. Assay Office of Gold D. Eagle, 884 F.
Hoards of Colonial, Continental Currency
Original Copper/Steel Bank Note Plates
C.S.A. Great Seal Impressions
Uncut Sheets of C.S.A., Southern State Notes
Trials or Patterns of Territorial Gold Coins
Early American Medals (listed in Betts)
Proof Obsolete Bank Notes
Rare Books, entire libraries re American Numismatics
South American Gold Coin Rarities
Regular Coins, Patterns and Medals of Cuba
U. S. Proof coins dated prior to 1858
Essays and Proofs of U. S. Currency
Connecticut and New Jersey Cents in top shape
1866 "S", No Motto, Half Eagle, Eagle
Struck Copies of U. S. Colonial, Regular Coins
Mexican Republican Doubloons, 1825-1838
South African Rarities, Proofs and Patterns
Counterstamped U. S., Spanish-American Silver
Bureau issued "Vignette" or engraving books
Uncirculated U. S. Coins dated prior to 1806
Canadian Token Rarities
1792 Silver Center Cent
Unusual Condition Territorial Gold Coins
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